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Metulla shelled, only power line damaged

ISRAELI TANKS BLAST TARGETS IN FATAHLAND

By YORAM HAMIZRAHI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAV AM. — Israel Army tanks erday shelled terrorist targets Southern Lebanon's Fatahland the first time since 1972.

his followed IDF activities in Lebanese villages of Shuba, nam and on the road leading to Habariya village, some four kms. th of Shuba on Wednesday. In ba, Israeli units, searching for orists, clashed with a terrorist ad and killed four of its mem-

wo Israeli soldiers were wound- They were treated by a medi- orderly in the area and later n to a nearby first-aid station from there to hospital.

n the village of Hamam, Israeli soldiers held a local farmer for questioning and later took him to Israel for further interrogation. There was no terrorist resistance in Hamam and El Habariya, but IDF artillery shelled several terrorist targets and probable escape routes in Fatahland.

At about 3 a.m. yesterday several artillery shells fell in the vicinity of Metulla, causing neither casualties nor damage. A power cable was severed by a shell fragment but was later repaired.

Israeli artillery immediately opened return fire, which lasted until 9 a.m.

Life throughout the northern frontier area continued normally yesterday. Metulla residents, however, received many telephone calls from other parts of the country, inquiring about their welfare.

It is known that the PLA units and some of the terrorist organizations possess artillery of various types and it is possible that they shelled Metulla. In the past Lebanese artillery has opened fire only on IDF units inside Lebanon. Shell fragments found were those of 122 mm. ammunition, used both by the Fatah and the Lebanese Army.

Information that the Lebanese Army shelled Metulla was not confirmed by IDF sources. They said that the Arab radio stations, such as the Iraqi News Agency, mentioned only the Matalain area.

Lebanese sources claimed yesterday that the Lebanese Army shelled Israeli units at Burj el-Matalain, about one kilometre north of Shuba and two kilometres north-west of Har Dov. In this area there are two roads coming down from Har Dov. This action may mean that the Lebanese feared that Israeli armoured units would come down from Har Dov. Pillars of smoke and explosions could be seen clearly throughout the day above Shuba. No traffic was observed moving from the village into Fatahland.

In other villages in Fatahland, life was going on normally and shepherds were seen taking their flocks to pasture yesterday.

The five residents of Shuba brought back to Israel by the IDF force which operated in the area on Wednesday night were returned to their village yesterday. The five, a father and his three sons, and an elderly man, almost strayed into the shooting area and were stopped by the IDF force.

'STRATEGIC HILL OCCUPIED'

azih Mustafa, Reuter correspondent in the Fatahland area, reported yesterday that the Israeli ks which crossed the border Southern Lebanon yesterday occupied the strategic border of Burj el-Matalain, two kms. ide Lebanon.

He said the tanks had also occupied other hills in the border area had shelled a number of villages, including Shuba. Mustafa reported he came under Israeli chhiegun fire as he tried to enter uba. He reported numerous Israeli tank shells falling on the village and pillars of smoke rising ove it.

In Beirut, a military spokesman d Lebanese artillery yesterday morning shelled an Israeli armoured unit at Burj el-Matalain. He said the 20-minute shelling was in reply to the Israeli bombardment of Shuba.

Lebanese President Suleiman Franjieh yesterday met his army commanders to study ways of boosting the strength and "defensive capacity" of the army, government sources said. Present at the meeting were Premier Rashid Solh, Defence Minister Joseph Skaf and Army Commander Maj.-Gen. Iskandar Ghanem.

At the UN, Lebanon lodged a strong protest with the Security Council over "acts of aggression" by Israeli forces.

hree Israeli soldiers patrol security path along the border with Lebanon. (AP)

Secretary of State Kissinger greets Foreign Minister Allon at the State Department on Wednesday. (AP radiophoto)

Allon sees Ford, unperturbed by Sadat deadline

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Israeli and American officials in Washington were not overly disturbed by Egyptian President Sadat's latest statements regarding a three-month deadline for additional and simultaneous Israel pullbacks from the Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian fronts. The general consensus, however, was that it would have been much better had Sadat not said it. "It doesn't make things easier," one top Israeli diplomat said.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, who yesterday held talks with President Ford, Secretary of State Kissinger, Secretary of Defence Schlesinger and a delegation of American Jewish leaders, told newsmen that "if you take what they (Egypt) say literally, it's not too good." But he added: "Let's hope that it's not the last word."

State Department officials, who have lately been optimistic regarding chances for another Israel-Egyptian partial agreement in Sinai, offered newsmen two possible reasons for Sadat's hardline statements:

- It was apparently intended to convince Kissinger to pressure Israel to give up more territory during the current round of talks.
- Sadat may feel compelled to voice boisterous remarks to soothe Arab public opinion, thus in effect positioning himself for another agreement with Israel.

The Egyptian leader is known to be concerned over possible charges by other more radical Arabs that he is making a separate peace with Israel. Tough statements, like the ones he made yesterday, may be just what he feels are necessary to pave the way for another early agreement with Israel, according to some American officials.

These officials insisted, in conversations with newsmen, that if Sadat was indeed signalling Kissinger to pressure Israel, it would not work.

Except for this latest Sadat interview, the mood in Washington ever since Allon arrived has been upbeat. Israeli and American officials have been sounding encouraging remarks, indicating that the negotiations were moving from the preliminary to the practical stage.

It was widely agreed that Kissinger would be returning to the Middle East shortly to resume some modified form of shuttle diplomacy. This visit could come either at the end of January or early next month.

Allon was due to begin his meeting with President Ford at the White House at midnight Israel time. In addition to reviewing the current stage in negotiations between Israel and Egypt, informed sources here stressed that Mr. Ford intends to impress upon Allon the very serious situation now existing in the Middle East and the urgency of achieving another accord.

The President is described by close associates as admiring Mr. Allon and enjoying their previous conversations. Allon has met with Ford during his three recent visits to Washington, the first one while Ford was still Vice-President.

Israeli officials here claim that the President has no intention of pressuring Allon to give up more territory, as widely reported in the Israeli press.

Secretary Kissinger, aware of these reports and most sensitive to them, told reporters on Wednesday following his meeting with

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Allon talks to Dobrynin

WASHINGTON. — Just as Foreign Minister Allon arrived at the Capital to hear President Ford deliver his State of the Union address on Wednesday, Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin approached Allon and asked to meet with him privately for a few minutes. Allon agreed and the two officials talked alone.

Later, Allon said they shook hands and there was "no more to it than that. We talked briefly." He said Dobrynin "is an important man but I could not attach any importance to a conversation that did not take place."

U.S. uncertain about Soviet relations

By WOLF BLITZER
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WASHINGTON. — A mood of uncertainty now hangs over official Washington regarding future U.S.-Soviet relations.

Intelligence and other sources here are attempting to assemble details of what went wrong in the much-heralded U.S.-Soviet trade agreement, and are assessing the reasons.

In conversations with this reporter, a feeling of "let's wait and see" has been stressed by informed American officials and Congressional sources, who have been active in the struggle to link granting the Soviet Union trade benefits in exchange for a liberalization of emigration restrictions for Jews and others.

While no one is ruling out the possibility that U.S.-Soviet detente may have suffered a severe blow, most officials believe that it is not yet fatal.

The White House said yesterday that President Ford is still determined to pursue detente with the Soviet Union. "The President believes that improved U.S.-Soviet relations are important to world peace and international stability," Press Secretary Ron Nessen said.

Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin is scheduled to return to Moscow next week to participate in what are being described as major policy decision-making meetings designed to re-examine detente.

What is generally accepted, therefore, is that the men in the Soviet Politburo are reviewing foreign policy. No one really knows what future shape that policy may take, officials here say, and it could take several months before we know.

Kissinger, who had warned on Monday night that he regards a change in Soviet policy as a possibility (insisting however that he had no reason to expect it) was described by close associates as hopeful that the Soviet rejection of the trade bill was nothing more than just that, and would not affect detente.

Victor Zorza, the Sovietologist, wrote in the "Washington Post" yesterday that the Soviets are not interested in a return to the cold war and there will be no immediate "unravelling of detente."

The Secretary reportedly believes that there are "good and bad" forces competing in the Kremlin at this moment for power, with Brezhnev representing the "good."

"If Mr. Brezhnev is pushed too hard and humiliated by Washington, it is argued, the bad guys will take over and detente will be at an end," the "New York Times" said yesterday, referring to Kissinger's interpretation.

But other Kremlin watchers here, especially, according to reports, in the Central Intelligence Agency, find Kissinger's view simplistic.

"It is the view," said one official, "of one who has little background in Soviet politics and simply assumes that it is the mirror image of American politics."

These experts believe the Kremlin to be much more united in their hard-line approach to detente than their American counterparts.

American Jewish leaders and Congressional supporters of the Jackson freedom-of-emigration amendment in the trade bill, tend to blame internal Soviet affairs for the collapse of the accord, and not Soviet sensitivity towards U.S. interference in domestic Soviet affairs.

In a joint statement released on Wednesday, Senators Henry Jackson, Abraham Ribicoff, and Jacob Javits and Rep. Charles Vanik, the leading supporters of the amendment, said that the agreement "appears to have lost its appeal to the Soviets only when it became apparent that Congress would not approve government credits for multi-billion-dollar development programmes in the Soviet Union."

The Congressmen were referring to the fact that a $300m. ceiling over four years had been imposed on U.S. credits to Russia, and this was apparently another major factor in causing the Soviets to reconsider their position.

The Congressmen said: "With or without a trade agreement we have a right to expect the Soviet Union to honour the universal declaration of human rights and the international convention, now a part of the body of international law, that affirms the right to free emigration."

While Washington waits to see what develops over the next several weeks, speculation here is that if the Soviets want to continue the policy of a relaxation of superpower tensions, then the whole trade bill can still be renegotiated all over again, from the start.

Obviously, the President, who signed the trade bill into law earlier this month, will not extend the waiver to the Jackson amendment granting the Soviets most favoured nation trade status and other trade benefits until a new agreement is worked out. This process could take many more months.

In the meantime, the future of Soviet Jewish emigration remains uncertain.

Kissinger is believed to have warned the Soviets that a complete cut-off of emigration would be considered here as a major setback in U.S.-Soviet relations. "The Soviets are aware of this, and won't do it," an official speculated.

There was hope among Jewish leaders here that the Soviet Union would continue the current rate of emigration at a minimum. Last year the Soviets allowed about 20,000 Jews to leave, in comparison to the 33,500 who left in 1973.

Under the terms of the Jackson-Kissinger agreement, it was understood that there would have been a major increase, with Jackson asserting that 60,000 would go free.

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Sadat gives Israel 3-month deadline

BEIRUT (UPI). — President Anwar Sadat yesterday gave Israel a three-month deadline to make further withdrawals on the Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian fronts. Otherwise, he said, the Arabs will go to the Geneva Middle East peace conference and "explode everything there."

In an interview published by the newspaper "An Nahar," Sadat said: "I will accept nothing less than an Israeli move on the three fronts — and within three months.

"This is a conclusive year because next year, 1976, is an election year in America" he said. "If nothing is accomplished soon, and very soon, we would then go to Geneva, all of us, including the Palestinians, and exploded everything there.

"We ourselves will explode the situation at the time of our own choosing. We will be one rank, and when the Geneva conference materializes, it will have to be final and conclusive and not merely (to discuss) a few kilometres under disengagement," Sadat said.

Sadat did not refer to the step-by-step approach followed by U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, "Egypt rejected and continues to reject ending the state of war unilaterally. It is also determined that the next withdrawal should take place on the three fronts simultaneously," Sadat said.

Indicating that he still wants to give Kissinger a chance, Sadat said: "We want to give the peaceful settlement all opportunities. Patience is less dangerous to us than the policy of alignment (with one super-power against the other) and return to war."

But he said Egypt so far has not received any new proposals from Israel via the U.S.

"Now it is up to Israel," he said. "Until this hour, and I repeat, I have not received any new offers. If I find no international reponse, the other side must bear the responsibility."

He added that Egypt "would move immediately and intervene if Israel attacked Syria. I mean what I say and America knows this. I need not reveal military secrets about the way this intervention will take place or how Egypt is capable of doing so, even though it had not received any Soviet assistance.

"There is and there can be no

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Step-by-step policy is now hard—Dr. K

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger acknowledged yesterday that step-by-step diplomacy in the Middle East "is facing increasing difficulties." But he insisted, none the less, that there is "an opportunity" for progress, and he expects that progress will be made over the next few months.

In an interview televised last night on National Public Television, Kissinger said, "As one would expect, as you make progress you get to the more difficult circumstances." The interview was pre-taped Wednesday morning, preceding the start of talks with Foreign Minister Allon.

The Secretary asserted that the U.S. must supply Israel with weapons because of the "substantial supplies" the Soviet Union provides to the Arabs, and because "the security of Israel has been an American objective in all American administrations since the end of World War II.

IMF to set up funds to recycle oil money

ASHINGTON (Reuter). — World ancial leaders yesterday agreed set up two special funds for uring that the vast surplus reues of the oil states are chanled back to consumer nations ggling with heavy oil bills.

Disclosing the accord, British ancellor of the Exchequer Denis aley told reporters: "These meaes will save jobs and protect ing standards for hundreds of llions of people all over the rld."

Healey said that within the International Monetary (IMF) would be able to put t of the two schemes into a fund available to all its nations of about $6,200m. ised at near commercial inrates from the oil-exporting

There is to be special provision loans at very low interest rates countries most seriously afby the five-fold increase in oil prices, the world's developing the British Minister said. the industrial countries and the richer members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) will share the cost of interest subsidies for the poorer countries.

In addition to the IMF fund, there is to be a "safety net" borrowing facility open to the non-Communist industrial countries in the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The money for this fund, which is being described here as an insurance scheme, will be raised among the industrial nations themselves. It will cover a two-year period, and will probably be available for use from the beginning of next year, Mr. Healey said.

Third French warplane crashes

PARIS (UPI). — A Mirage III fighter crashed in central France yesterday, bringing to three in a week the number of accidents involving Dassault-Breguet warplanes.

On Wednesday, a Mystere IV crashed, and on Friday a Mirage IV nosedived into a forest.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Snow fell yesterday evening in the mountains of Central Sinai. By midnight the ground was covered in some places to a depth of 10 cms.

Blast near Faisal mansion in Damascus

DAMASCUS. — A bomb exploded yesterday under a car near the Damascus hotel where a delegation of Saudi Arabians accompanying King Faisal are staying.

The explosive device damaged the car, which belongs to a Syrian businessman, and startled guests in the Omayyad hotel but caused no injuries. The Omayyad is the headquarters for the delegation accompanying Faisal.

The King was staying at a guest mansion several blocks away from the site of the explosion. Soldiers and security agents fanned out through streets in the area after the explosion checking identities of passersby.

Faisal yesterday visited a Syrian Air Force base for a display of what a Saudi official called "ultra-modern Russian weaponry."

Faisal will go on today to Amman for talks with King Hussein.

Tourist dies in Masada fall

BEERSHEBA. — A young Swiss tourist, Elizabeth Amstad, fell to her death yesterday morning from the rock fortress of Masada. The body of the 23-year-old woman, who had been a volunteer at Kibbutz Geva, was found by a tour guide on the west side of the rock. The police are investigating.

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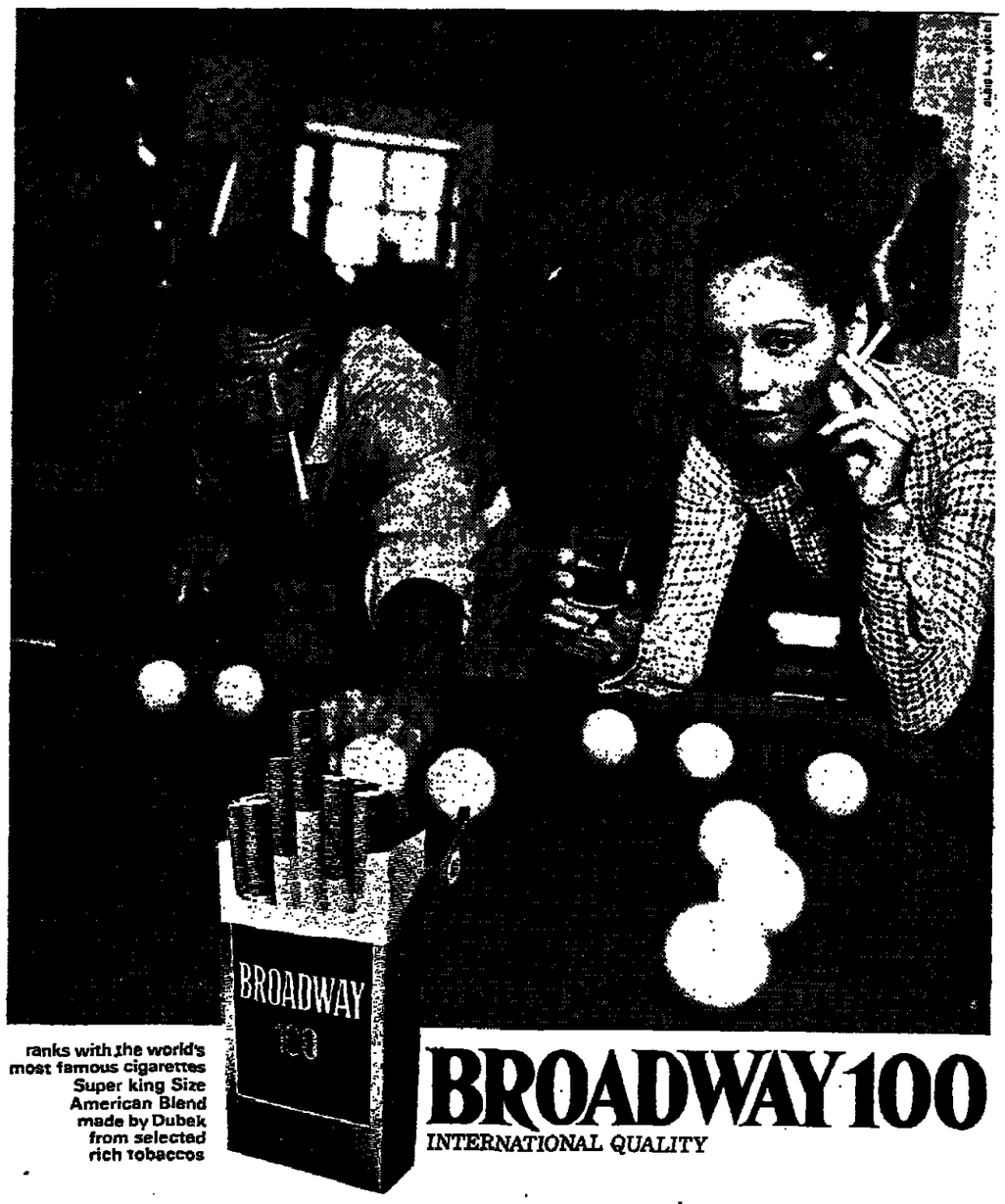

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THE WEATHER

Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy with possibility of local rain

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	24	5—11	6—11
Nahariya	36	3—18	5—18
Safed	67	5—9	6—10
Haifa Port	41	8—17	8—17
Tiberias	54	8—17	8—17
Nazareth	56	6—13	7—13
Afula	43	2—17	3—17
Shomron	35	5—13	6—13
Tel Aviv	57	8—15	8—16
B-G Airport	55	5—18	6—18
Jericho	39	3—18	4—18
Gaza	72	8—16	8—17
Beersheba	62	10—15	8—16
Eilat	37	6—18	7—18
Tiran Straits	37	10—19	10—19

Social and Personal

The President, Prof. Ephraim Katzir, yesterday received delegates of the 10th convention of the Association of Immigrants from North Africa.

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Msgr. Genaro M. Prata, Rector of the Catholic University in La Paz, Bolivia, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu.

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The French Ambassador and Mrs. Jean Herly and the Economic Counsellor and Mrs. Pierre Labadie were among the guests at a reception given on Wednesday by the President of the Israel-France Chamber of Commerce and Mrs. Savidor at their home, in honour of the Chamber's newly-elected executive committee.

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A delegation from the City of Milan, headed by G. Colombo, President of the Region of Lombardy, called on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday.

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Manufacturers Association president Marc Mosevics is to speak on The Economy in 1975, at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club at 1 o'clock today. Reservations by phone No. 511593.

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The speakers at the Oneg Shabbat at Hechal Shlomo tonight at 8.30 will be Rabbi Leo H. Shavovich on "The Exodus from Egypt" and Zeev Shatil of the Foreign Ministry. Zmirot: Cantor Arye Goldberg. A Melaveh Malka programme will be held at 8.00 p.m. tomorrow. Haim Zohar of the Foreign Ministry will be the guest speaker. Cantor Yehuda Lendner will sing and a film will be shown. The public is invited.

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Oneg Shabbat in English, tonight at nine, at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda, Tel Aviv, opposite the Deborah Hotel. With Prof. Kurt Stern, Bar-Ilan University, Israel Taslitt, writer and editor, A.A.C.I. Everyone welcome. Refreshments.

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Mrs. Rina Spears Weinstein will be installed as president of the Rebecca Sieff B'not B'rith (English-Speaking) Lodge, Ramat Gan, at the B'nai B'rith House, Tel Aviv, on Sunday, January 19, at 7 p.m. All Sisters and Brothers are welcome. A Reception will be held at 8.30.

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ARRIVALS

Tova Sanhedrai, chairman of the National Religious Women's organization, from an extended visit to branches in the U.S and Europe.

Italian sculptor Roberto Tirelli, to be present at the opening of his exhibition of bronzes and drawings at the cultural section of the Italian Embassy on Sunday.

David Rockefeller due tomorrow

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Banker David Rockefeller, board chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank and brother of Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, is due tomorrow night for a 48-hour visit.

The Israel Economics Minister in North America, Ze'ev Sher, who arrived from New York yesterday, said the banker's private plane would touch down in the evening, on the first leg of a Middle East tour. Mr. Rockefeller, who is to confer with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, is one of a number of U.S. business leaders expected here in the near future. *(Itim)*

Tass writer reports: No change in Soviet support for detente

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet Union said emphatically yesterday that it remains a fervent supporter of detente and will continue to seek good commercial relations with the U.S. despite its decision not to implement the 1972 Moscow-Washington trade agreement.

It was the first policy statement on links with Washington — made through the official Tass News Agency — since U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger announced the Soviet decision at a news conference on Tuesday.

The article said Soviet policy has not changed but the country will not allow its right to decide internal affairs to become a bargaining issue — a clear reference to U.S. congressional demands that Moscow allow freer emigration of Soviet Jews and other minorities.

Tass writer Anatoly Krasikov said: "The Soviet Union came out and, let it be stressed emphatically, continues to come out, for international detente — making it moreover irreversible.

"It is true that the Soviet Union has sought and continues to seek mutually beneficial trade with the West, not excluding, of course, the most economically powerful of western nations — the U.S.A.

"However," said Krasikov, "the Soviet people would never make their right to decide their own internal affairs an object of bargaining. It would never occur to them to predicate their normal state-to-state relations with the U.S. say, on abolition of private ownership of production.

"Why then do some American senators, like infamous (Sen. Henry M.) Jackson, think that someone would allow them to instruct the USSR in the 'right way of life'?"

Jackson led the campaign to write emigration conditions into the trade act.

Krasikov accused "Kremlinologists" of creating a "hullabaloo" suggesting the Soviet Union was pulling back on its support for detente.

"No, gentlemen," he said, "no changes have or could have taken place in Soviet policy. That policy was endorsed by the Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and is known universally as the peace programme for whose implementation our country has been working and will continue to work.

"As for trade, it is not a unilateral process. We want and are prepared to trade with the West, but... only on the basis of full equality and mutual benefit. You don't want it that way? Well, it is up to you. But do not lay the blame at our door. There is no use indulging in guesswork over a myth of your own creation."

Dispatches by Tass are normally considered to be reflections of official Kremlin policy.

Western economists said they expected American companies operating in Moscow would not be prevented from carrying on business as usual. They said they expected trade between the two nations to continue, but at a reduced rate.

Sister Bernes (Goldberg)

Sister Bernes honoured as Righteous Gentile

Sister Bernes, 73, Mother Superior of the St. Vincent de Paul Sisters Home for Retarded Children in Ein Kerem, outside Jerusalem, was yesterday honoured as a Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem.

During World War II, Claire Bernes hid several Jewish families in her monastery in Rome. Even after her activities were betrayed to the Gestapo and the monastery was raided, she continued with her activities, her citation for the Yad Vashem Medal of Honour said.

Mayor Teddy Kollek attended the tree-planting ceremony at Yad Vashem yesterday, as did several members of the families whose life Sister Bernes saved. Two years ago Sister Bernes received the Freedom of Jerusalem for her devoted work with retarded children.

Thanking the Yad Vashem officials for the medal, Sister Bernes said, in fluent Hebrew, that she was surprised that her action of so many years ago was still remembered.

Truckers block railway

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel Railways freight terminals around the country were shut tight yesterday by truckers protesting what they call unfair competition. But the truckers called off their one-day blockade in the evening, after a meeting was arranged for today between the Railways management and their Israel Trucking Board.

The truckers, who say they already suffer 25 per cent unemployment, accuse the Railways of building up its freight business at their expense. They are particularly annoyed by what they say is Government pressure to ship by rail.

There was no violence during yesterday's blockade, in which truckers used their vehicles to block road access to the terminals. Police were called out only in Tel Aviv, and the truckers immediately moved away from the entrance. But no one cared to enter.

Presiding at today's meeting, in Tel Aviv, will be Transport Ministry director-general Dan Hiram.

In another move against the Railways, the Trucking Board yesterday charged that the economy will lose about IL500m. if the Government goes ahead with its plans to extend the railway to Eilat. The loss will be up to IL800m. if the Suez Canal is re-opened to Israel goods, they claim. They say that if only road transport is used to Eilat, the only cost would be about IL500,000 per year in road repairs.

Herut calls for effort at turning Likud bloc into unified party

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Herut Convention yesterday authorized Party leaders to initiate efforts to change the Likud from an electoral and parliamentary into a united party. The convention closed yesterday afternoon.

The party abolished its 15-man appointments committee and empowered the central committee of 432 members to appoint the Knesset candidates list. It also supported the direct election of mayors.

Fatigued party leaders finally convinced the youth division to waive a demand that Sinai be specifically mentioned in proposed legislation calling for proclaiming Israel's sovereignty over "all the liberated homeland."

In the final session, which lasted from 8 p.m. Wednesday evening until 1.30 yesterday afternoon, delegates blocked a committee recommendation that the convention "express hope" that union of the Likud will soon be possible. They wanted more definite commitments.

But Party leaders argued that the party could not force union upon their partners. Finally an overwhelming majority adopted a proposal calling for an initiative towards full union.

The convention reversed a decision adopted in the committee rooms to continue the system whereby an appointments committee choses the party's Knesset representatives. In the plenary debate, Begin convinced the majority to delegate the power to the Central Committee. This party has now been enlarged from 279 members to 432.

Zvi Guttman, leader of the youth division, noted that henceforth 15 per cent of the Central Committee's members could force a secret vote. The division controls more than 20 per cent of the votes in the committee, he said.

Just before closing the convention, at which he was unanimously re-elected Herut chairman, Mr. Begin, weary after attending debates for 28 hours straight, said in a low voice: "I won't be able to serve you for many more years. Eventually the party will have to elect a better chairman than me."

The convention called for new elections to be held "immediately," since the Government had "lost its moral authority."

It endorsed Mr. Begin's peace initiative presented in its opening session in Kiryat Arba on Sunday.

The delegates called upon the Government to launch peace initiatives, saying the proposed peace should be based on an armistice for three years during which unconditional negotiations will be held in Jerusalem and Arab capitals or in a neutral country. The peace treaties will determine boundaries and include security arrangements. But as long as there is no peace Israel should adhere to the separation of forces and strengthen its position.

The convention rejected any "effort to make Israel an object of U.S. power politics through jeopardizing Israel's national and security interests."

It also said the Soviet Union's abrogation of the trade agreement with the U.S. proved that the Russians cannot be trusted to keep their word in quiet diplomacy agreements.

It further proves that the stru for Soviet Jewry should be open compromises made and the e Jewish people's power should mobilized.

The convention sent greeting Senator Jackson.

The Government was urged to up a high-level organization to with the problem of oppressed ries.

The convention "viewed with vity" limitations imposed on set in the administered territories.

Party headquarters is to set a department for urban settle in the territories. The conven protested against the insuffi resources being directed to deve ing Kiryat Arba and Yamit.

Finally the convention dema a law saying Knesset member does not preclude serving in the

Slump in investments from abroad

TEL AVIV. — There was a drastic decline in net foreign investments from $125m. in the first nine months of 1973 to $25m. in the corresponding period in 1974, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced here yesterday.

Foreigners invested $175m. in the first nine months of 1973 but took out $55m. in the corresponding period in 1974, gross investments were $85m. and withdrawals $60m.

'Press compensation claim against Arabs'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — All Israel Jews driven out of the Arab countries should unite in a single organization to press for compensation for their lost property. Labour MK Mordechai Ben-Porat said this yesterday at a noontime meeting in Netanya's Independence Square.

The 3,500 persons present also heard Mayor Avraham Bar-Menahem and Mr. Gregory Ze'ev, of the organization of Syrian Jews.

Polsky: Soviets may be pressing for better terms

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Soviet Union's recently announced abrogation of its trade agreement with the U.S. may really be an attempt to get better terms, Soviet Jewish activist Victor Polsky said yesterday.

Speaking to the Israel section of the World Jewish Congress, the recently arrived physicist noted that the agreement was one of the foundation-stones of Soviet agricultural and industrial policy, and that the Soviets had waited two years for the U.S. to pass it. In his opinion, the abrogation was really an attempt to extract larger credits — something to which Moscow attaches enormous importance.

It was also an attempt to get Congress to define the agreement in a form more acceptable to the Russians, who were very sensitive to provisos such as the Jackson Amendment.

Dr. Polsky did not believe the move was a result of internal conflict. "In Russia you have to actually be sitting in the saddle before you can change things," he said.

As to Soviet Jewry, he said they will probably find it still harder to get permits to leave. But he was sure the struggle for emigration to Israel would continue. Now, more than ever, it will be important for every Jewish organization in the world to closely watch the situation of Soviet Jewry and to express themselves, he stressed.

Dr. Polsky thought there could be between 300,000 and 500,000 Soviet immigrants to Israel in the next 10 years. The amount of emigration so far had been far more than what the Soviet authorities had expected when they decided in 1968 to permit it. At the same time, the situation of the Jews who remain worsens. Fewer and fewer jobs are open to them, and the position of intellectuals is particularly bad.

Turning to the halving in Soviet immigration to Israel last year, Dr. Polsky said this was due both to the Soviet authorities and to problems of social absorption here. Many Soviet Jews, he said, find it difficult to overcome inferiority feelings they developed in Russia, and sometimes feel that Israelis "want to keep us in the hallway and out of the living room."

But the majority of Soviet Jews — who he estimated at nearly four million — would like to come here. To combat assimilation it was important also to fight for Jewish culture in the Soviet Union: and this should be in Hebrew, not Yiddish. He noted in the large towns many young Jews were now studying and reading Hebrew, but that this was not possible in smaller places.

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Cabinet Ministers yesterday toured Sinai as the guests of the Israel Defence Forces. The Ministers, comprising the majority of the Cabinet, visited the advanced defence system along the new line of fortifications, inspected lookout installations, an emergency store and advanced headquarters. They were briefed by the Minister of Defence, the Chief of Staff, the O.C. Southern Command and divisional commanders on the military situation and preparations in progress. They are seen here at one of the briefings.

What its allies think

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Herut's allies in Likud bloc had differing opinion the senior partner's convention cisions, when consulted by this porter.

Only the Land of Israel Mover voiced immediate support for union.

Elimelech Rimalt MK, Lib leader, argued only his party vention was authorized to on the issue. That convent is scheduled for the summer. may be approved, but," he stre "it's very possible it will be jected."

Shmuel Tamir, leader of the Centre, said that if the Likud be strong, in the long run it unite. But, he said, this must gradual process and going too may hurt cooperation.

Zalman Shoval MK, of the List, said he did not want to cel "existing party structures," favoured consolidating the and appointing a secretary gene

Herut's partners in the Likud had diverse reactions to the con tion's decision to set up a "nati leadership team." Haim Landau, rut leader, explained there woul a body of potential Cabinet mem but no distribution of portfolios.

Mr. Rimalt said that setting such a team "is quite a reason idea." He added it had been de ed many times among Likud ers. "The parties are consulti Rimalt told *The Post*. "It's not ing to be a one-two-three affair

Mr. Shoval said the State supported the suggestion. He there should be a team of exp Knesset Members and others, would each be responsible for a dow ministry.

Mr. Tamir said his party had the time" recommended setting shadow government, but the L leadership had rejected it.

Mr. Rimalt thought a sha government would be possible two-party system where the ru party forms the whole cabinet. in Israel there would be coaliti "and you must leave portfolios your potential partners."

Avraham Yoffe, MK, of the L of Israel Movement, was candid haven't given it a good hard thou yet," he said.

Labour Party disagrees over electing mayors

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Pa Central Committee is to be conv ed in about a month to decide wh kind of direct election of mayors will recommend in the Knes where a bill is at present in co mittee. The Labour Leadership B reau aired three suggestions y terday, but could not reach agr ment.

Real Madrid beat Maccabi

By STEVE KAPLAN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — At Yad Eliyahu Sports Stadium last night, Real Madrid proved to Tel Aviv Maccabi why they were last year's European champions. Showing excellent team work and a torrid fast break, they managed a 114 to 95 victory over a disappointing Maccabi team.

For the Spaniards, their two American players, Wayne Brabender and Walter Sczerbiak combined for 69 points, with Sczerbiak scoring 43. For Maccabi, Eric Minkin and Jim Boatwright each scored 19 points to top the Israelis.

Big-time hash trader gets nine years

TEL AVIV. — Sixty-year-old used-car dealer Yosef ("Sami") Shoshana, caught last autumn with 345 kilograms of hashish, was yesterday sentenced to nine years in jail.

But the District Court cleared his son, Yehuda Lavi, 23, of all charges.

A special patrol had found the drugs in a rented van parked behind Shoshana's Holon home. It was carefully packed in 15 suitcases.

Judges Max Czernobilsky, Haim Bental and Avraham Halima were not impressed by Shoshana's story that the van had been stolen and that he had not bothered to see what the thieves had left behind in it. But they accepted his son's explanation that he had bought the suitcases thinking his father planned to store auto parts in them.

Shoshana showed no emotion as sentence was passed. *(Itim)*

Exporters to get 34ag. more

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Premiums for exporters with the highest added value ratings will be increased by 34 ag., Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev announced yesterday. He was speaking to members of the Export Institute, the Manufacturers Association and Hevrat Ovdim in his office.

As a result of the decision, the maximum export dollar will now go up to IL8.

The increase will mean an additional IL500m. in the Ministry's annual export incentive programme.

Allon in Washington

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Allon that there has been no pressure "by anyone" in the talks.

At a reception following a concert by the Washington Symphony Orchestra — conducted by Israeli conductor Gary Bertini — Allon said that, so far, he has not been dealing in any specific subjects, but only on methods to begin the serious negotiations.

In informal conversations with Israeli newsmen at the reception, Allon went out of his way to offer this explanation, apparently because he was concerned with reports of U.S. pressure against Israel.

Kissinger, who also attended the reception which took place at the Israel Lounge in the Kennedy Centre, was in his usually gregarious mood as he smiled and chatted with Israeli diplomats, newsmen and other guests. His spirits appeared very good, notwithstanding the collapse of the U.S.-Soviet trade agreement.

"The New York Times" reported yesterday that Kissinger now believes the prospects for an Israel-Egyptian agreement are "promising."

Yesterday, Kissinger and Allon met at the State Department following the 75-minute meeting between Schlesinger and Allon at the Pentagon. Newsmen were not given much information following that meeting, apparently because it dealt with sensitive U.S. arms supplies to Israel.

Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller, who meets Allon this morning for an apparent courtesy call, also attended the reception, which was hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Simcha Dinitz.

Calling Allon an "old friend," Rockefeller appeared to feel at ease as he talked with several New York Jewish leaders who came to Washington to meet Allon. For many years, Rockefeller was Governor of New York.

He was asked whether he has any plans for a visit to the Middle East, as was reported recently. He replied that his primary responsibility now that he has been confirmed as Vice-President will be to help in domestic affairs and to chair the special committee investigating the Central Intelligence Agency. He added that there is absolutely no truth to reports of such a visit.

Other officials pointed out that the Vice-President's brother, David Rockefeller, the president of the Chase Manhattan Bank, leaves today for a tour of several Middle Eastern countries, including Israel. The reports had probably confused David with Nelson, they added.

Foreign Minister Allon is scheduled to leave Washington for London today after concluding his talks with Kissinger and Rockefeller. He had originally been due to leave yesterday but prolonged his stay here to continue the talks.

Citrus shipped to Japan from Eilat

EILAT. — This seasons's first shipment of citrus bound for Japan — 170,000 crates — left the Port of Eilat this week on the refrigerated ship Bering.

Total export this season is expected to reach 800,000 crates, twice as much as last year. This is the third season citrus has been shipped to Japan via Eilat.

Congratulations
to the
Captain and crew
of El Al flight 221,
Tel Aviv—Paris—Montreal—New York
Many blessings, kol hakavod.
Miriam Laufer,
Haifa
(Sister of a passenger from Montreal)

With grateful hearts, we thank the Eternal, who has preserved us, sustained us and brought us to the Bat-Mitzva celebration of our beloved granddaughter

NOA

May she always remain faithful to our tradition and worthy of the admiration and love of her parents, **NAOMI** *and* **ELIAHU HARRIS,** *her sister and brothers, and all who hold her dear.*

The grandparents —

DORA KATZ *Brighton, Mass., U.S.A.*

GERTRUDE and BENJAMIN HARRIS *Glencoe, Ill., U.S.A.*

We deeply mourn the untimely death of
CHANA ANITA KROCHMAL
Hermann Ellern
and former colleagues at Ellern's Bank Ltd.

On the thirtieth day after the death of our mother

EMILIE ADLER

née Zilberman

A memorial meeting and ceremony of unveiling of the tombstone will take place on January 19, 1975 at 2.30 p.m. in the Kfar Shmaryahu cemetery. Assembly at 2 p.m. at Arie Adler's Home, Nev Yam.

THE FAMILY

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY-HADASSAH MEDICAL SCHOOL

pays tribute to

ANNI WARSCHAUER

who died on January 12, 1975.

She bequeathed her body for the advancement of science.

Sincerest condolences to the bereaved family

On the thirtieth day after the death of

TUVIA NETZER (Sakharbroit) ז"ל

a memorial meeting and unveiling of the tombstone will be held at Kfar Samir Cemetery on Tuesday, January 21, 1975, at 2 p.m. Transport will leave from 1 Rehov Keller, Haifa, at 2 p.m.

THE FAMILY

On the first anniversary of the death of our dear

RICARD LEVY ז"ל

we will go to his graveside to hold a memorial meeting, on Sunday, January 19, 1975 at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at the new gate of the Holon cemetery.

The family

הועתק מן הארכיון

mployees vacate Dead Sea Works after seizing plant overnight

By HERBERT BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ERSHEBA. — Employees of the d Sea Works potash plant at m seized the plant from Wedlay night until noon yesterday, mpting to operate it on their , in the wake of the manage- t's decision to shut the plant n and send all employees on paid ations.

owever, the employees decided noon yesterday to end the seiz- and leave the plant in an rly fashion, with the hope that n the current labour dispute is led, work can be resumed imiately.

an attempt to find a solution, Labour Relations Officer will t with both management and workers committee at 9.30 morning in Beersheba.

he management's plans to close plant was the result, according to aging director Arye Shahar, of workers' defiance of the Beerba District Labour Court's order Tuesday to stop all strike ac- and resume normal work. ge Menahem Goldberg scheduled next hearing on January 21.

t a meeting on Wednesday of Dead Sea Works Board of ectors, chaired by Mordechai kleff, it was decided to stop the y of raw material from the s to the plant (actually a gra- l closing of production), inform Labour Relations Officer about dispute with the warning that plant would be closed within days if the dispute were not led by then, and to send all kers on paid vacations until ther notice.

he workers reacted to these deons by occupying the plant ause, as David Confu, chairn of the works committee, exined, "the plant belongs to the rkers, and also to prevent dam- ."

he basic cause of the dispute the workers' claim that although y signed a labour contract last tober, they are now earning less n previously because of the deuation of the pound and the inase in living costs. The workers nched a partial strike last Mony morning following eight fruits days of negotiations with the nagement.

The plant was completely blacked t Wednesday night, with Confu ming that the management ned off the electricity. But niel Cohen, deputy to Shahar, thought the blackout was caused by a breakdown in the power supply.

Seven workers suffered minor injuries while the plant was in total darkness, one having to receive treatment for a head injury at hospital here. He was discharged yesterday noon.

This is the first time since the plant opened at Sdom in 1954 that it has ceased operations, although there have been minor strikes.

With regard to the paid vacations, Confu stated that the workers committee had not received official notice from the management, although each worker received separate notice that, as of yesterday, he was on paid vacation.

Mr. Confu also reported that Egged yesterday morning refused to transport the workers from Beersheba to Sdom, although the workers offered to pay out of their own pockets for the buses, which are normally hired by the management. As a result, the workers organized their own transport in trucks and cars, and about 900 reported at the plant yesterday.

Mr. Cohen, who described the temporary seizure of the plant as an illegal act, predicted that in the event the potash plant remains closed for a long period, other plants such as the Beersheba Bromides, Sdom Bromine, Arad Chemicals, and Haifa Chemicals may be forced to close.

When the workers ended their seizure yesterday, they appealed to the Government and other institutions for help. They planned to contact Ministers and members of the Knesset today and tomorrow. They also planned another meeting of workers in Sdom on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Histadrut Trades Union Department announced yesterday in Tel Aviv that it gave full support to the Beersheba Labour Council. Uri Sabagh, secretary of the Council, was told that the Histadrut approved the principle that workers obey orders of the court, and that the Histadrut would handle the workers' grievances only after they return to normal work.

Seamen launch attack on discipline board

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The director of the Transport Ministry's Shipping and Harbours Division has asked the Minister to deal with the subject of the official Merchant Navy Disciplinary Board, following alleged threats against one of its members by the Marine Officers Union. The Director, Captain Nimrod Eshel, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the continued operation of the committee had become "impossible" under the circumstances, and he therefore asked the Minister himself to intervene.

Nearly six months ago, the Disciplinary Tribunal, made up of a lawyer and one representative each of the Seamen's Unions and shipowners, unanimously sentenced the captain of a Zim tanker to six months' suspension of his master's ticket, on the grounds that he had disobeyed strict orders not to sail into a mined area in the Red Sea, which the Navy had declared closed. (The tanker Siris was sunk in the area by a mine over a year ago.) The tribunal took a very serious view of the matter, as had an internal board of the Zim company.

"The tanker was empty, on her way to Abu Rodeis, and had she struck a mine the explosion of the gases in her tanks would very likely have killed all 20 men on board," Captain Eshel said. He had no doubt that the Union would then have been among the most vocal critics of the "lack of precautions."

However, after the captain was sentenced, the owners' representative on the tribunal, himself a certified sea captain, had received telephone threats from the union, culminating in a letter warning that it would immediately call a strike on any ship he joined as a master. "This was the limit, and if no action is taken to assure the proper and unfettered work of the tribunals, they cannot continue functioning," Captain Eshel said.

The Union refused official comment "for the time being," but unofficially a leading member told *The Post* that they had acted "within the rights of a professional union, and as any union would to protect its members." He noted that they had been very dissatisfied with the workings of the Disciplinary Board "which in fact did not exist, to the detriment of merchant navy discipline, and hoped that the "shock treatment" might bring about the change they wanted.

Dormitory for U.S. students in Galilee

Jerusalem Post Reporter

FAR BLUM. — A new dormitory r 10th grade high school students om the U.S. was inaugurated here Wednesday. The kibbutz's Amerin-Israeli high school programme, w in its seventh year, has proved ghly successful in integrating merican-Jewish youngsters into the raeli scene, Haim Finkelstein, ad of the Department for Educan and Culture of the World Zion- Organization, said at the inauration ceremony.

Over 130 youngsters have cometed the programme, with many maining to serve in the army and ttle in Israel. The curriculum, ared to meet the needs of the nerican pupils and Israeli requirents, includes intensive courses Hebrew, Jewish history, geogray and Bible.

Funds for the IL600,000 dormitory me from the World Zionist Orgazation.

NEWSBRIEFS

110 KEROSENE stoves, believed to be the ones stolen recently from a store near Tarifin, were discovered yesterday in the home of a Gazan. Four men were arrested and police said more arrests can be expected.

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MANGER SQUARE in Bethlehem will be closed to vehicles tomorrow due to Armenian Christmas observances.

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SELLING PORNOGRAPHY cost Shmuel Mor of Zichron Ya'acov a IL3,000 fine in Tel Aviv yesterday. Magistrate Arye Elvenari rejected Mor's plea that the locally-produced magazines resembled material imported legally from abroad.

CURRENCY IN circulation rose this week by IL9,190,116, to stand at IL3,407m. Of this, IL279m. is backed by gold and the remainder by foreign-currency reserves.

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A NATIONAL survey of water birds will be carried out tomorrow by 250 inspectors of the Nature Reserves Authority. Fowling will be prohibited on that day, while nature-lovers who have no part in the survey are asked to keep away from ponds and rivers.

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A 47-YEAR-OLD Khan Yunis man was arrested yesterday on suspicion of possessing 250 Egyptian pounds and 250 grams of marijuana.

A silver filigree spice box, for use in the Saturday night havdala ceremony, in the form of a house, made in Central Europe in the 18th century. It is one of the items available at The Collector's new branch at the Jerusalem Hotel.

Gallery opens in Capital's Hilton

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several hundred well-wishers Wednesday night attended the opening of the second The Collector gallery for antique Jewish art. It is in the shopping arcade of the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. The original shop is in Rehov King David.

The gallery, one of the first of the 26 shops planned for the Hilton to open for business, is said to have the largest collection of antique *ketubot* (religious wedding contracts) in the world. Owner Michael Kaniel told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that "many antique dealers in the capitals of the world are Jews, but authentic Jewish antique objects are so rare that when they find a specimen they take it home, rather than bring it on to the market."

One of Mr. Kaniel's prize exhibits at his shop is an illuminated prayer-book, written on vellum in Amsterdam in 1731 and valued at about $25,000.

Crafts firm displays diamond rings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A special exhibition of diamond-encrusted gold rings designed by Ze'ev Zang has opened at the headquarters of the Bat Sheva Crafts Company here, and will be on show till the end of the month.

The rings, priced up to IL7,000, are part of a display that will be sent to crafts exhibitions in the U.S. and Europe. A Bat Sheva spokesman said the show, at 3 Rehov Frug, opposite the Cameri Theatre, is open to the public.

Mother of quins home to same small apartment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tova Medina, the 31-year-old mother of 19-day-old quintuplets, was released from Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital yesterday looking and feeling fit. Doctors have not yet said when her two girls and three boys — who are doing well and gaining weight — will go home.

Her husband Moshe took a few hours off from his work as a prison warder in Beersheba to visit the babies and take his wife to their small Sderot home.

Mr. and Mrs. Medina have not yet received the new baby furniture and spacious flat they were promised immediately after they became the parents of Israel's second set of quins, but they say they're sure the gifts will materialize.

Enough room in Nazareth's four hotels

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nazareth's four hotels, which can accommodate 500 persons, had an average occupancy of only 34.2 per cent in 1973, considerably lower than the national average of 48.5 per cent, the Hotel Association spokesman disclosed yesterday. He was reacting to a proposal by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, to the Knesset Labour committee last week, to lift the building freeze in the town with regard to hotels.

The spokesman quoted figures issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics showing that last year Nazareth hotels averaged a nine per cent occupancy in June, and even the usually record month of August yielded no more than 39.5 per cent.

He added that construction of new hotels there could seriously hit the four existing hostelries, two of which are in the three-star category and the remainder one grade below.

Bond leaders on maiden flight New York-Eilat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The opening of a new air link — a direct flight from New York — will bring 450 Bonds leaders to Eilat on the 26th of this month. Police and customs officials are making special arrangements for handling their arrival, a Bonds spokesman said yesterday.

Coming here at the invitation of the Prime Minister, the group will be headed by Bonds General Chairman Sam Rothberg and Executive President Michael Arnon. During their week-long stay the mission will explore ways of increasing contributions from world Jewry in spite of the present economic downturn.

Timna worker killed by rock

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — A 28-year-old worker in the underground mines at Timna, Hazan Zion, was struck on the head by a falling rock and killed during the early morning shift yesterday.

Zion, who had worked in the mines for the last six years, is survived by his wife and three-month-old baby.

The funeral will be held today in Eilat.

A potato named Desire

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RISHON LEZION. — A pink-skinned potato, called "Desire," will soon be going on the market. Desire, is an immigrant brought from Holland by two researchers from the agricultural research organization, Marcel Susnosky and Haim Krikon, and Ze'ev Zuta, of the Hazera seed company.

The scientists discovered that, of the many types, strains and varieties they tested, Desire had the strongest resistance to vercillium, a fungus which attacks plants, specially the dominant potato planted in Israel today, the "Up-to-Date."

This fungus is very active in the Negev, attacking not only potatoes, but also tomatoes, eggplants, cotton and watermelons. "Pink might not be what we have been used to as a covering to a potato, but those who tasted Desire, claim it is very good, and we believe that it will be absorbed very well in Israel," he said.

The new type is also said to have a yield about 20 to 30 per cent above the Up-to-Date.

Meir well after eye operation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former Prime Minister Golda Meir yesterday underwent a cataract operation on her left eye. Hadassah Hospital described the operation as successful.

The routine operation, usually involving only a local anaesthetic, was performed by Dr. Hanan Zauberman, head of the Ophtalmology Department. In most cases, cataract patients remain in hospital for about a week.

Mrs. Meir, who was described by other patients in the ward as "looking fine both before and after the operation," was visited by a few family members in the afternoon. Her personal bodyguard stood outside the room during the day, and a policeman replaced him at night.

The former premier, 76, had suffered from clouding of the eye lens for several years but always felt that while she was in office she could not take the time necessary to recuperate from the operation.

Nesher 'needs Tamra quarry to survive'

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Nesher cement plant here will have to shut down in two years, and Israel will lose 30 per cent of its cement production capacity — unless Government agencies hasten approval for the opening of a new quarry in Lower Galilee and allocate funds for a road from there to the factory. Nesher plant general manager Menachem Aviram yesterday sounded this alarm, "in the hope that the prospect of closure will be averted before it is too late."

The Histadrut owns 50 per cent of Nesher; the other 50 per cent is held by private parties.

Nesher's quarry on Mount Carmel has enough limestone left for two years, according to a Technion study, Aviram said, and "It takes at least 18 months to get new quarrying equipment delivered.

"We turned to the Government for help in 1968, and were told a year later by the Interior Ministry that continued quarrying in the National Park area would solve our problem. We kept asking for authority to do this until August 1, 1972. In December that year the Technion experts issued their report on alternative sites.

"In mid-1973, we decided on a site near Tamra (lower West Galilee, north of Shfar'am), the only one whose limestone is suitable. Since then we have been going through all sorts of formalities.

"A road is needed to bring the quarried material to Nesher. Last July, the Finance Ministry's budget section promised a IL10m. allocation to the Public Works Department for building the road, so that work could start this year. In December, the promise was cancelled," Mr. Aviram continued.

"It would take two years to build that 14-km road. Meanwhile, Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi told us that a rail link was preferable to a road, and that we should use trucks until a railway line is completed. Last December, a team was set up to study the whole question of rail or road again."

Other ministries were also involved in the project, he said. The Health Ministry raised ecological issues, and he presented company proposals to deal with the problems.

Mr. Aviram paid tribute to the helpfulness of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, whose officials "grasped at once what was at stake." But "there is a lack of coordination between the Government offices, and there appears to be little capacity for action."

He said the 50-year-old plant employed some 350 men, and its capacity was 650,000 tons of cement a year, just slightly less than the plant at Ramle, and 50,000 tons more than the designed output of the plant at Hartuv, which has recently begun to produce.

"It would be a shame if because of indecision and bureaucracy the new quarry at Tamra could not be developed in time, and Nesher would have to be closed," he said. About $42m. a year would have to be spend on imported cement if the plants were closed.

The Tamra quarry site encompasses about 2,000 dunams. The Nesher company will build a 2,500-metre approach road to the quarry, by-passing Tamra. Dust-absorbing equipment will be installed to spare the village from excess pollution.

The country's cement consumption last year was 2.1 million tons. The outlook for 1975 is uncertain, but its consumption is expected to be 14 to 17 per cent lower.

Optimism over Israel players going to India

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The International Table Tennis Federation still hopes to get India to lift its ban on Israel's participation in next month's World Table Tennis Championships in Calcutta. This optimism was expressed on Wednesday night by the ITTF president, H. Roy Evans, in a telephone call from Cardiff, Wales, with the Secretary-General of the Israel Sports Federation, Shmuel Lalkin.

"Mr. Evans is hoping for positive results from his cable to Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, asking her to ensure that Israel's team receive the necessary entry visas for Calcutta," Mr. Lalkin told *The Post* yesterday.

The ISF has sent over a score of cables to federations in Western Europe and North America, asking support in ensuring Israel's participation in the championships on February 6. In addition, protest cables have gone to the International and Indian Olympic Committees from the local Olympic committee, Mr. Lalkin said.

Rugby fixtures

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — In tomorrow's Rugby Football Union matches, Holon entertain Tel Aviv University at the Jessie Cohen stadium (kick-off 2 p.m.); Kibbutz Jezre'el are at home to the Hebrew University (11 a.m.), while Kibbutz Beit Ha'Emek, reinforced by players from other settlements in the North, receive Haifa Technion plus town (12 noon).

Just another session of the Jerusalem Municipal Council

Of cemeteries and street names, jackets and dustmen

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

FATELY DELIBERATION is not term one would choose to scribe a typical meeting of the rusalem Municipal Council. The sistence of a coalition embracing but one of its 31 members has ne little to mute the differences tween the various factions or to ne down the argument. But somew, amid the drone, bluster and wel-pounding that fills the coun- chamber every second or third nday evening, a wide variety of tions are decided on which affect daily lives of the city's residents better or worse.

The most recent meeting was one of the least newsworthy in memory but the thick book of minutes — reflecting previous discussion in committee meetings — covers items ranging from the legacy of Israel's only Nobel Prize winner to whether municipal messenger boys should be given leather jackets or rain coats.

Following were some of the subjects on the agenda.

- **The purchase of S.Y. Agnon's home in Talpiot.**

At preliminary discussions last year with the Education Ministry and the Institute for Talmudical Publications, the Municipality expressed a readiness to put up almost half the IL800,000 price requested by the writer's heirs with the building to be leased to the Institute. Since then, however, the price has gone up and the Municipality's reserves have gone down. The Council decided to back out of the deal but to see if the heirs are willing to deed to the city the books in the Agnon library.

- **Cuts in the Independence Day budget.**

It was decided to reduce the figure from the IL300,000 of last year to IL150,000, with the main saving on fireworks. However Municipal officials hope to work out a programme of events that will not lose in importance for being less costly.

- **Other possible cuts in cultural activities.**

These include the closing of one municipal library and a reduction in the mobile library service. The deposit for library cards will be raised from IL5 to IL10 for adults.

The Municipality's contribution to community centres in the coming fiscal year may be halved. (Half their present income comes from the Government.)

The Municipal Culture Department is also considering abandoning sponsorship of the city's Hebrew-language *ulpanim* in the hope that their budgets will in future be met by the Education or Absorption Ministries. Strong opposition to this was expressed by several Councillors. Councillors.

The fee for renting Beit Ha'am for evening performances is to be raised from IL800 to IL1,000.

- **The Municipal Names Committee.**

After two sittings, the Committee reported its decision not to recommend changing the name of U.N. Street in the Kiryat Hayovel Quarter to "U.N. 1947" Street — a proposal aimed at demonstrating displeasure at recent events — on the grounds there was no need for such action.

The committee drew up a list of 14 prominent Arab historical figures whose names will be given to streets in East Jerusalem. These include Antara Ibn Shaddad, an early 6th Century poet, the heads of the four Moslem schools of thought on the Koran — Imam Abu Khanifa, Imam Al Shaafi, Imam Al Malachi and Imam Al Khanbali; Al Adreisi, a noted geographer from North Africa; Abdul-Malek, builder of the Dome of the Rock; Al Rashi, the first Arab surgeon and Abu Bakr, the first Caliph. The committee had previously approved 36 other Arab street names on the advice of local Moslems.

The committee rejected a proposal to change the name of Jaffa Road to Ben-Gurion Road. It noted that Ben-Gurion had in his lifetime requested not to have streets named after him. The committee noted also that his name was already memorialized in Jerusalem in the Ben-Gurion Government Centre.

- **The Clothing Committee** decided against approving leather jackets for messengers in the Municipal Engineering Department. The official submitting the request had noted that the department was scattered among four buildings and that the messengers were often out in cold and rain. The committee decided that their present rain-coats will serve them better than would leather jackets. However, the committee approved leather jackets for city firemen once every three years. The reason — Tel Aviv firemen have them.
- **The Cemetery Committee,** discussing the shortage of burial places in the city, revived its proposal for a new cemetery in the neighbourhood of Ora and Aminadav just west of the city boundaries. The relevant Regional Council objected to the proposal but was overridden by the Ministerial Committee on Jerusalem. Nevertheless, the matter has lain fallow since 1973. The committee was told that the requirement for building new roads was holding up the project. If the project proves too costly, an alternate site in the Judean Desert is being considered.
- **The Administration Committee** heard a letter from a garbage collector, Salah Eddin Eyadi, protesting against enforced retirement. Mr. Eyadi, who has been collecting garbage in the Old City since 1933, was dismissed last November because his superiors felt he was physically unable to continue with the work. After negotiations involving the Sanitation Workers' Committee, compensation and a monthly stipend were agreed upon. In his letter, Mr. Eyadi said: "I am today 62 and healthy and can continue to work until 65 when according to Israeli law I receive a pension." Mr. Eyadi was told that the matter would be considered by the Municipal Executive.
- **The Finance Committee** received a report from the East Jerusalem Development Company that investments in Yemin Moshe total IL18.3 million to date. The return from leasings so far is IL14.5 million. Some 2,000 residents have been evacuated from Yemin Moshe to make way for its reconstruction, Mr. Yitzhak Yacoby, head of the Government-Municipal Company, said. The elderly and ill have the rent of their new apartments paid by the Prazot Company. Seventy-two families were evacuated from the Shaama Quarter at the foot of Mount Zion to make way for the National Park around the Old City. Noting that the Shaama residents had been linked by strong communal feelings, Mr. Jacobi said that the company had acquired a synagogue for them in the Baka Quarter. The company's budget has been cut by two-thirds to IL200,000 because of the economic situation.

A company will be established by the Municipality to develop the new municipal sports centre north of Ramat Eshkol. Planning for the 1,700-dunam plot is in an advanced stage.

The small sewage treatment plant operated by Hadassah just outside the city limits at Ein Kerem is to be transferred to the Municipality as part of the large Municipal treatment plant to be built there. Asked if the Municipality can acquire land outside the city limits, Mayor Teddy Kollek noted that the Municipality owns land near Petah Tikva.

(A Municipal official later said that Mr. Kollek was in error. During the Mandate, the official said, Jerusalem had owned the wells near Rosh Ha'ayin from which it received its water. After the establishment of the State, however, these were turned over to the Israel Lands Authority in exchange for land inside Jerusalem proper.)

- **The Education Committee** was told that 59 per cent of secondary school pupils in West Jerusalem are in non-religious schools and 41 per cent in religious schools. The average number of students per class in secondary scohols has fallen from 29 last year to 28.

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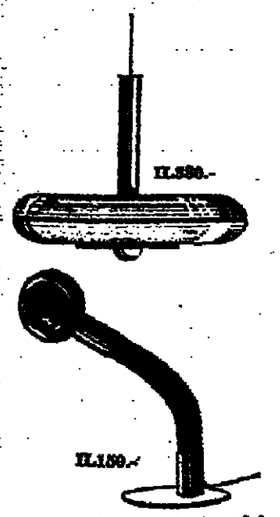

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Bonn to stop foreign interests from buying up German firms

BONN (Reuter). — West Germany intends to impose legal controls on sales to other countries of major share-holdings in the country's industry, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said on television here on Wednesday night.

He said he believed the U.S., France, Britain, Holland and other countries concerned about major sales of shares to oil-producing countries would take similar measures.

The draft law Bonn is considering aims at keeping German companies of economic and strategic importance to the nation in West German hands.

Daimler-Benz, the makers of Mercedes cars, buses, lorries, industrial engines and military vehicles, fell into this category and ought not to be controlled by foreign owners, he said.

Schmidt's statement came one day after the announcement that West Germany's largest commercial bank, the Deutsche Bank, had bought a 29 per cent share-holding in Daimler-Benz to prevent the stake going to an oil-producing country.

The Shah of Iran was asked yesterday in Vienna to comment on the bank's buying into Daimler-Benz. He said he could not disagree with countries anxious to stop foreign buyers acquiring controlling interests in vital industrial companies.

"If we were interested in buying shares in Daimler-Benz I think that would have helped this company, because Iran could probably use yearly some 100,000 Mercedes Benz cars that would have been ordered from that company. That would have made all the difference economically," the Shah said.

"If they don't want such a boost in that particular firm or that particular part of the West German industry, the automobile industry, then we have absolutely nothing to say, it's their choice," he added.

Meanwhile reports came out of Paris and London of further Arab investments there.

Negotiations are nearing completion for the sale to Arab interests of a $100m. tower in the skyscraper complex on the western edge of Paris, French bankers said.

"We have not yet clinched the deal, but negotiations are nearing completion," said an official of Cogedim, owner of the 38-storey-high Manhattan Tower. The official denied Beirut press reports the buyer was from Kuwait. "We can only say the buyer is neither from Kuwait nor from Abu Dhabi," he said.

There has been speculation that Saudi Arabian interests are involved in estate dealings in France. Cogedim refused to disclose the identity of the would-be buyer, other than that he was from the "Gulf area."

The Manhattan Tower has some 80,000 sq.m. of office space and is one of the largest buildings in the skyscraper complex at La Defense, west of Paris.

During the past year Arab businessmen have been buying luxury homes in London and large estates in the countryside, and their latest deal, reported on Wednesday, was the purchase of Consort Lodge for an estimated £2m.

"For the rich in the Middle East the latest status symbol, according to one estate agent, is a villa in the south of France and a home in London.

At Serbly Court, Holland Park (West London) 15 flats costing between £30,000 and £50,000 each have been sold to individual Middle East buyers. Two large £100,000 houses in Kensington have been sold to Arabs, and two months ago another Arab buyer completed a deal for a Hampstead house for almost £250,000. Prince Nawaf, a member of the Saudi royal family, has bought a 37-year lease on a house in Knightsbridge for £300,000.

Agents say Arab buyers are attracted by the very competitive prices now being asked for top quality property. They are said to be well-advised and tend to name a price which they stick to and also expect deals to go through with the minimum of delay.

"It has become something of a game with the very rich Arabs to see who can get the nicest house in London," one agent told the "Daily Mail" yesterday. In the county of Somerset a wildlife park was recently sold at auction for £735,000 to a syndicate reportedly backed by Arab money. Another large estate near London was recently sold to an Arab for £400,000.

So far, Arab buyers have concentrated solely on private residential property, although they did buy into the large St. Martins Property Company, and are said to have bought the Park Towers Hotel in Knightsbridge.

The trend is such that property agents are planning to send salesmen to the Middle East.

(Reuter, JTA.)

IRA leader Brian Davison, 21, released yesterday after serving two years and eight months in Long Kesh Internment Camp, is greeted by his girlfriend, Maureen Callaghan. (AP radiophoto)

IRA ends 25 days of cease-fire

DUBLIN (UPI). — The Irish Republican Army (IRA) last night declared the end of its 25-day cease-fire in Northern Ireland and Britain.

In a lengthy statement issued by its ruling Army Council the IRA said it could not extend the cease-fire again because of the "lack of response" from the British Government.

The IRA listed eight reasons for its decision to end the cease-fire, including the accusation that the British army had not observed the truce except during the Christmas period.

"In view of the above facts, but principally due to a total lack of response to our peace proposals by the British Government, the Army Council cannot in conscience renew the order suspending offensive military action first issued on December 21 last and reaffirmed on January 2nd. And due to expire at midnight tonight, January 16th."

The statement made no mention of when the IRA would resume its bomb and bullet campaign, but sources close to the Army Council said they did not expect new hostilities until after the weekend.

The Army Council had met in what IRA sources described as "a heated and protracted" discussion since Tuesday when Northern Ireland Secretary Merlyn Rees addressed the House of Commons about moves toward peace in Northern Ireland.

Rees had said he would gradually release Republican and Loyalist prisoners from Northern Ireland jails and gradually withdraw British troops to barracks in a prelude to their withdrawal from the province if a permanent cease-fire was guaranteed. Britain now has 14,500 troops in the province.

Rees followed the statement on Wednesday by announcing the release from prison of 20 Republican and five Loyalist prisoners. The IRA, infuriated by the low number of prisoners released, quickly denounced the move as "dangerous brinkmanship."

Democrats tell Ford they will modify his economic plan

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — Democratic leaders told President Ford yesterday that his anti-recession and energy conservation programmes were in trouble and faced major changes in the Senate and House of Representatives.

They made their cool reaction clear at a White House breakfast meeting between the President and Republican and Democratic leaders in Congress.

Less than 24 hours earlier, Mr. Ford, in a sombre State-of-the-Union address, declared the country was in bad shape. He called for massive tax cuts and energy tariffs to improve the situation.

The meeting with the congressional leaders was the first in a series arranged by Ford to push his proposals and assert his command of the situation despite a determined challenge by Democrats, who hold a commanding majority in both houses of Congress.

West Virginia's Senator Robert Byrd, Democratic Whip in the Senate, said Democrats told the President his proposals for tax relief failed to do enough for poor Americans, and his energy programme fell short of what was required.

Ford, meeting later in the day with state governors, has urged an across-the-board rebate of 12 per cent on 1974 tax payments, with a maximum of $1,000 for an individual. This would cost $12,000.

The President also wants a similar relief programme for businesses which would cost $4,000m.

He also asked for an annual personal and business tax cu $24,500m., beginning this year compensation for increased in fees and tariffs on foreign domestic oil supplies he estim will bring in $30,000m.

Ford said he would increas import fees by $3 a barrel April 1 and ask Congress to prove similar charges on dom oil.

The President's energy pac which also included plans to de coal and nuclear energy as so of power, received an especially tical response from many D crats, who viewed it as inflatio

Senator Byrd said that al White House breakfast, the D crats told the President they dis his across-the-board tax re formula because it discrimin against low and middle in Americans.

He predicted Congress w change the formula and th would approve bigger tax focused more on poorer Amer than the President had in mi

He also thought there w possibility that Congress would prove petrol rationing despite President's decision to reject and concentrate instead on hi import fees and tariffs in an e to discourage consumption.

Referring to the Arab oil cott last winter, Senator Byrd "I indicated (to the President) we ought to move to rationing, this country ought not to be ject to blackmail from a fo country."

BRIEF SUCCESS — After delivering his State of the Union mess to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night, President For applauded as he leaves the House Chamber, only to be told later Congressional leaders they were dissatisfied with his proposals. (AP radiophot

Military junta replaces North Yemen's Premier

BEIRUT (UPI).— The military junta ruling North Yemen decided yesterday to relieve Premier Mohsen Al-Ainy from his post, the Middle East News Agency reported.

In a dispatch from Sanaa, the agency said the Military Command Council, which is led by Lt.-Col. Ibrahim Al-Hamdi, appointed Public Works Minister Abdel Latif Deifallah Acting Premier, and ordered other ministers to keep their portfolios until a new cabinet is formed.

Ainy, who does not favour close cooperation with Saudi Arabia, had threatened to resign last month, but was talked out of it by Hamdi. He received a major political setback, however, when Lt.-Gen. Hassan Al-Amri, an advocate of close cooperation with Saudi Arabia, returned to Sanaa after years of political exile.

Sanaa Radio yesterday carried an announcement by Lt.-Col. Al-Hamdi, who is also commander of the armed forces, that he was "terminating the services" of the Prime Minister and his government. Because the Prime Minister no longer held the confidence of the Showra Maglis (parliament).

Al-Hamdi led a successful coup in June last year. Before the bloodless army takeover, he was Deputy Commander of the armed forces.

Israel 'capable of putting Egypt under water'

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI). — Israel, if faced with defeat in another Middle East war, is "perfectly capable" of using nuclear weapons, former State and Defence Department adviser Dr. Hans Morgenthau said.

Under hard-pressed circumstances, Morgenthau said, Israel could use nuclear or non-nuclear weapons on the Aswan Dam and "put most of Egypt under water."

"If I had to make a bet," Morgenthau told a news conference on Wednesday, "I would put the odds at 10-1 for another Middle East war this spring."

Evans and Novak deny they are anti-Israel

WASHINGTON (JTA). — Columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak devoted their column on Wednesday to refuting charges of anti-Israel bias and anti-Semitism in their reporting.

Evans and Novak have been accused by American Jewish leaders and others of expressing an anti-Israel and anti-Semitic viewpoint in their widely read column. According to the columnists, Premier Yitzhak Rabin has said, "They are not anti-Semitic, (but) they are anti-Israel."

Answering those charges, Evans and Novak said: "Our column's frequent criticism of Israel's policy is not based on anti-Israel bias... It has been our consistent thesis that U.S. policy in the Arab-Israeli struggle must be determined by American interests, not those of Israel or of the Arab states surrounding it."

They added: "We have always agreed with Henry Kissinger's thesis, stated at San Clemente in the summer of 1971, that the U.S. never agreed to underwrite Israel's conquests. Until those conquests by Israel's sensationally successful military operations in 1967 are returned to the Arabs, we believe the large American military investments in Israel deserve scrutiny. That includes the closest study of their political impact on the Arab world and West Europe.

"If Israel ever does return more or less to a negotiated version of the pre-1967 borders, we would support all efforts at air-tight American guarantees of the military security of Israel. Such an underwriting of the Jewish National State is scarcely indicative of anti-Israel bias. But in truth there has been very little movement back to the old borders in the seven years since 1967.

"The fact that we have criticized this makes us neither "anti-Israel" nor "pro-Arab," the facile charge so often levelled against those who displease Israel's political friends in this country."

Whitlam leaves Moscow without seeing Brezhnev

MOSCOW (AP). — Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam left the Soviet Union yesterday after holding talks with two of the three top Soviet leaders but not seeing Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev.

Australian sources said Whitlam would have liked to have seen Brezhnev but that the Soviets had made no commitments.

The Prime Minister had some free time reserved for yesterday but he did not receive that hoped-for call from the Kremlin.

It was thought that Brezhnev, who has not been seen in public since December 24 and whose political and physical health is being widely speculated upon, might see Whitlam, since he is the first Australian head of government to visit the Soviet Union.

Whitlam was seen off at the airport by his Soviet counterpart, Premier Alexei Kosygin, with whom he has spent most of his three days in Moscow.

The two leaders held talks dealing with "the all-round development of Soviet-Australian relations and the expansion of contacts between statesmen and political leaders of the two countries," Tass reported.

Whitlam and Kosygin also signed agreements on scientific, technical and cultural cooperation.

Greek Gov't takes airline from Onassis

ATHENS (Reuter). — The Greek Government is taking over Olympic Airways following an agreement with Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis on Wednesday night, it was officially announced here.

Minister of Economic Coordination Panayotis Papaligouras told reporters after a marathon meeting with Mr. Onassis that the handover of the company would take place in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Last November, Mr. Onassis cancelled his contract with the Greek state under which he held a monopoly to operate Olympic Airways — Greece's national airline — until the year 2006.

His move followed a Government order forbidding him to apply an austerity programme which included sending 850 employees on mandatory unpaid leave. The Government then appointed a new administrative board pending negotiations with Mr. Onassis. All domestic flights were resumed and most external flights have been operating normally.

Olympic Airways ran into financial difficulties after the steep rise in oil prices last year.

Heffner is pallbearer at secretary's funeral

CHICAGO (UPI). — A sombre-looking Hugh Heffner, a skull cap on his head, served as a pallbearer on Wednesday at the funeral of Bobbie Arnstein, the "Playboy" executive secretary he said was driven to suicide by investigators out to get him.

Coroner Andrew Toman said on Wednesday toxicologists found quantities of Mebral, a barbiturate used to control epilepsy, Placidyl, a sleeping pill, and Valium, a tranquillizer, in Miss Arnstein's body. Each drug was present in lethal quantity, he said. She was found dead in a Chicago hotel room on Tuesday.

SEX BOOK — Dr. William Masters and Virginia Johnson have written a new book about sex for the layman. The new book by the pair, recognized as two of America's foremost authorities on sexual response, is titled "The Pleasure Bond" and is scheduled to go on sale on Monday, it was announced in St. Louis, Mo. yesterday. Miss Johnson says it is about maturity, commitment and preventive medicine in sexual disfunction.

Crimes copied from American TV increasin

By CHARLES FOLEY

LOS ANGELES (Ofms). — DOES VIOLENCE, gun play and gore on television stimulate aggressive behaviour and send young America out on the streets to commit "copy-cat" crimes? The debate goes on; but there is no doubt as to which side Los Angeles judge Mark Brandler supports. The judge blasted a TV crime show recently as the cause of a "seven-hour nightmare" in which two teenagers taped shotguns to the heads of hostages and extracted a $1 million ransom from a Californian bank. (An Israeli boy recently involved in a violent incident was also said to have been motivated by a TV programme.)

Young people who mimic crimes seen on TV are showing up in increasing numbers, perhaps because violence is rising on U.S. television. This month the number of crime programmes will be increased on the major networks to 25 a week. On some evenings, with a little channel switching, viewers can watch as many as five cops-and-robbers shows, then turn to a little late-night horror.

On a recent Wednesday in Los Angeles, for instance, one could keep company with murderous psychopaths, mobsters, kidnappers, and bank robbers from *Mod Squad* (at 6 p.m.), through prime time with *The FBI, Cannon, Manhunter, Petrocelli, to Seven Golden Men* at 11.30 p.m. which gives a detailed scenario for robbing a Swiss bank.

The effect of TV, on victim, if not perpetrator, has now been investigated by quite a number of psychiatrists, sociologists and behavioural scientists, and the consensus of opinion is perhaps best summed up in the warning by Dr. Robert Liebert, a child psychologist who was a leading researcher in the U.S. Surgeon General's investigation into TV and social behaviour: violence on home screens encourages "an acceptance of aggression as a mode of behaviour."

Not only may it stimulate an impressionable or disturbed individual into attempting to duplicate the crime, it also makes viewers more insensitive to violence perpetrated by others. The growing syndrome of public failure to respond — even by calling the police by telephone — to a victim's cries for help is partially blamed, by many researchers, on saturation viewing of TV mayhem.

So what are the big networks doing about it? Not much, at the moment; but this year they will be coming under increasing pressure from the Federal Communications Commission, which in turn is being pressed by Congress, which is taking note of mounting protests from constituents and organizations such as the Hollywood Women's Press Club.

There is also at least one crusading TV sponsor who would like to wash the blood from the small screen. Mr. Leo Singer, president of Miracle White, a non-phosphate detergent, took millions of dollars worth of advertising out of shows he considered overly violent, including *Bonanza* and *Mod Squad*, and switched his commercial largesse to family shows. "They had lower ratings," he says, "but it was worth it. People were pleased, and we got hundreds of thank-you letters."

As a result of the fuss, the FCC was ticked off by the House and Senate Appropriations committees and told to report on fresh measures to curb video violence or face "punitive action" — probably a cut in its budget. FCC Chairman Richard Wiley then approached the network chiefs and persuaded them to get to work on some specific plans to "protect children from excessive programming of violence and obscenity."

Wiley is believed to have asked that "adult" shows be put on only after 9 p.m., and advocated some form of rating for programmes, which the networks themselves would administer. Another possibility mentioned was a device, such as a white spot in the corner of a screen, which would alert parents to the nature of a show. Whether that would dissuade the American young in the slightest is debatable.

If that doesn't sound like much, it's about as far as the networks are prepared to "volunteer" to go. When government steps in, the cry of "censorship" goes up. On TV, crime pays, and the industry moguls have a vested interest in belittling attempts to establish a link between television violence and social violence. In the face of mounting evidence, however, their position is becoming increasingly difficult to defend.

Obviously, only a small minority of viewers are cued into violence by watching it at home; otherwise most of us would be dead. But research indicates that people who do react in this way are not necessarily of a disturbed mental background or in any way unstable. "Perfectly normal children," says Dr. Liebert, "will imitate antisocial behaviour they see on television, not out of malice, but curiosity." In showing displays of violent and criminal acts, the media is "teaching," people are "learning," he says.

A host of bizarre incidents be cited: a seven-year-old boy discovered springing ground in a family meal — he said seen it done on a TV thri two teenage boys tried to e $500 from a firm with a b threat — again, they'd see on TV; Boston teenagers do a lone woman with petrol and her alight, fatally burning he police noted that the grisly inci closely mirrored a scene in an show called *Fuzz* which had seen two nights previously.

There are scores of sim examples on record, yet it is s times argued that viewing viol on TV actually makes viewers aggressive by releasing their p up hostility and purging vi feelings vicariously. Recent rese indicates that the contrary is t The Surgeon General's Advi Committee spent $1 million three years, producing five volu of technical reports, before anno ing their verdict. "We now k there is a causal relation betw televized violence and anti-social haviour which is sufficient to w rant immediate remedial acti said Senator Pastore, chairman the Senate committee which rec ed the Surgeon General's repor

But the TV crime wave goes and the nation's crime rate c tinues to soar. More studies under way, trying to determine l many, to what extent, and w kinds of children are affected, in what ways. Until these prod results we can rest assured t network executives will continue disagree with Oscar Wilde's ma that "murder is always a mis — one should never do anything cannot talk about after dinner."

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Eritrea rebel groups form united front

ADDIS ABABA. — Two secessionist groups fighting the independence of Eritrea, Ethiopia's northernmost province, on Wednesday signed a formal agreement to join forces against the country's military rulers, government sources said yesterday.

The settlement came after two days of intensive negotiations between the Arab-backed Eritrean Liberation Front and its Marxist rival, the Popular Liberation Front. It appeared to dash hopes for the success of a recent government initiative to end the 13-year Eritrean conflict.

Included in the agreement was an offer by the two groups to negotiate on the Eritrean question provided government troops are first withdrawn.

Both the ELF and the PLF have said they will accept nothing less than full independence. Observers speculate that as Eritrea is Ethiopia's only outlet to the Red Sea, it cannot possibly be granted so there is little scope for negotiations.

In a radio statement on Wednesday night, the government appealed to the Eritrean people not to listen to what it called "some short-sighted elements who are still trying to sow discord and division among Ethiopians along tribal and religious lines."

It said Eritrea, a former Italian colony annexed in 1962 by the regime of deposed Emperor Haile Selassie, was historically part of this country, and again called for a peaceful solution to the problem in the region.

The official Radio Ethiopia also admitted more violent incidents in Eritrea over the past few days. Within hours of disclosing the Eritrean pact, the government announced that 12 civilians had been kidnapped and a businessman, Zewde Amde, shot to death during the previous 48 hours in Asmara, the Eritrean provincial capital.

An official statement referred to a wave of bombings in the city in recent weeks, but made no mention of three explosions that damaged the main post office earlier. No one was injured in the blasts.

Many of Asmara's 250,000 residents have reported hearing gunfire in the area recently. There were unconfirmed reports of a bazooka attack on the headquarters of the 2nd Army Division, based in a former U.S. base known as Kagnew Station.

While talking to each other the two Eritrean guerrilla groups — who had often spent more time fighting each other than fighting the government — also held talks with provincial authorities as part of the central government's drive to settle the conflict peaceably.

But the talks broke down after Ethiopia's military rulers apparently refused their demands for a statement of principle on independence and agreement on withdrawal of all government forces.

The result was the settlement between the ELF and PLF, signed in the village of Coazien, 24 km. west of Asmara. *(UPI, AP)*

'Terrorists freed by Rome carried out Orly rocket attack'

PARIS (AP). — French police investigating Monday's bazooka attack at Orly Airport appear convinced the operation was the work of the same five-man terrorist group that plotted to shoot down an El Al airliner at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport in 1973, the newspaper "France-Soir" reported yesterday.

There was no police comment on the report. The paper said the Italian police sent Paris details and photographs of the five men arrested near Ostia with Soviet-made surface-to-air missiles, convicted of possessing war weapons and later released.

The Italian police also forwarded documents "seeming to prove that an identical operation was planned at Orly."

French Rightist Deputy Jacques Soustelle urged Foreign Minister Jacques Sauvagnargues to "re-examine" France's policy toward the Palestine Liberation Organization as a result of the Orly attack. The PLO leadership denounced the attack as harmful to the Palestinian cause.

But Soustelle said the PLO's denials of responsibility "lack credibility and are visibly part of a double game intended to deceive world opinion."

Even if terrorist leader Yasser Arafat is sincere in his public disapproval of terrorism, Soustelle added, "this only proves that he is unable to control the Palestinians and thus cannot be regarded as their exclusive representative."

A representative of the Yugoslav Embassy called at the French Foreign Ministry yesterday to express his government's concern over security arrangements at Orly and ask whether the French Government intended to pay for the repairs to the Yugoslav JAT Airlines' DC-9. The plane was pierced from side to side by a bazooka shell which failed to explode, narrowly missing the fuel tank.

Pamplona labour conflict touches off street riots

PAMPLONA, Spain (UPI). — Police reinforcements have been rushed into this northern Spanish city to prevent new outbreaks of street rioting which resulted in at least 50 arrests and an unknown number of injured, police sources said yesterday.

The incidents were connected with a labour conflict at the local potash mine, where 120 miners have enclosed themselves for nine days at the bottom of a 500 metre pit to protest their suspension from work in a pay dispute. For two days, *police have been clashing with demonstrators* who support the miners.

On Wednesday, an estimated 12,000 industrial workers went on strike to back the miners. They set up street barricades, stoned a local newspaper, tried to force merchants to close their shops and repeatedly clashed with police.

"There is fear of a deadly confrontation leading to an irreparable situation," the newspaper "ABC" said in a story describing the "tense atmosphere" in Pamplona. "ABC" *said the riots were the work of* Communists.

The miners enclosed themselves at the bottom of the pit January 7 after they were suspended for seven weeks without pay for having tried to press wage claims by going on strike. Strikes are illegal in Spain.

Pamplona, a town of 120,000, is the capital of Navarre province in northern Spain. Outside Spain, it is best known as the site of a famous bullfighting fiesta which was immortalized in Ernest Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises."

Iranian hijacker remanded in London

LONDON (Reuter). — A 28-year-old Iranian, charged with demanding $100,000 during a hijacking at London's Heathrow Airport, was *remanded in custody for a week* by a West London Court yesterday.

Saeed Madjd was in court for about a minute before being rushed away in a police van with a blanket over his head. It was his second court appearance since the hijacking of a British Airways jet airliner on January 7.

OPEC — Nigeria's Nesbash Otokiti Feyide yesterday took over as secretary-general of the Organizations of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the organization's press office in Geneva announced.

Sicilians flee homes in panic after two quakes

MESSINA, Sicily (Reuter). — Two men died of heart attacks here yesterday when a pre-dawn earthquake, the worst for 15 years, shook Sicily and Southern Italy, but no other casualties or heavy damage were reported by officials.

Panic swept a large region, and thousands of terrified city dwellers fled their homes as the six-second shudder struck just after 1 a.m. Two hours later, there was a second tremor and many people spent the rest of the night out of doors.

Traffic out of cities was chaotic. Schools in Messina and Reggio di Calabria, across the Straits of Messina on the mainland — the two cities which felt the quakes most strongly — were shut yesterday to let children sleep.

Buildings were cracked in Reggio but not in Messina, where they are earthquake-proof. Experts said the quake, registering seven on the 12-point Mercalli Scale and with its epicentre 30 kms. out to sea, was the worst for 15 years.

Messina was razed in 1908 by an earthquake in which 30,000 people died.

Angry MPs seek to oust Stonehouse

LONDON (AP). — Angry Labourites called yesterday for the speedy expulsion from Parliament of runaway lawmaker John Stonehouse, who faked his death and travelled secretly to Australia on a false passport.

Stonehouse, 49, a former Labour government minister, incensed his old colleagues by withdrawing an earlier offer to resign from the House of Commons.

"Let's cut the cackle and get on with it," said veteran Marcus Lipton.

Robert Mellish, government floor manager in the House, said Australian attorneys had notified him of Stonehouse's change of mind. Stonehouse, whose business affairs are under official investigation here, wants to stay in Australia and is unlikely to be deported while he remains a British Member of Parliament.

Mellish gave notice that the government now will consult with opposition parties on forming a special committee to study procedures for expelling the disgraced legislator, who says he engineered his disappearance to escape business pressures and blackmail at home.

Many Labourites wanted faster action, however.

"The time has come for a clean cut," said Lipton, 74, "We have been messed about long enough. Stonehouse has treated Parliament with arrogant contempt. A simple, straightforward motion to expel him is all we need."

William Molloy, another Labourite who once was a close friend and associate of Stonehouse, said the runaway MP now has "destroyed all vestiges of honourable behaviour.

"It would appear now that he, via his lawyers in Australia, has adopted an impertinent, pompous posture from which they are trying to parley with the British Government," Molloy added.

One Melbourne lawyer was quoted here as saying he had advised Stonehouse against voluntarily giving up his Commons seat because he would otherwise become "vulnerable" to Australian immigration rules.

John Lee, who leads a regional group of Labourite lawmakers, told newsmen: "We are in a state of total incredulity and exasperation. *Whatever vestige of sympathy there* may have been for a man in his predicament has completely evaporated."

Stonehouse's wife Barbara flew home from Sydney after spending nearly three weeks with her husband, who has not been charged with any offence and is a free agent while the Australian government determines his future.

Cyprus dispute erupts as British prepare to move refugees

Turkish-Cypriot refugees shown at their camp in "Happy Valley" at a British base. (UPI)

ATHENS. — Greek Foreign Minister Dimitrios Bitsios yesterday strongly condemned the British Government's decision to allow the transfer of Turkish-Cypriot refugees to Turkey and then to Cyprus' Turkish-occupied zone. He termed the move "inexcusable" and said it stemmed not from humanitarian considerations but from deliberate political motivations.

In Ankara, the Turkish Government began preparations for a massive airlift to evacuate the 10,000 refugees. Foreign Minister Melih Esenbel said yesterday the British decision had averted damage to Anglo-Turkish relations. It promoted a better atmosphere for negotiations between Turkish and Greek Cypriots on the island's future, he said.

In Cyprus, the refugees at the British sovereign base area of Episkopi in the southern part of the island prepared jubilantly to depart for Turkey. Elsewhere on the island, Greek Cypriots protested the British decision to let them go.

The refugees, men and women of all ages, many with bundles of belongings, lined up outside special tents at three refugee camps inside *the base area. They waited patiently* and in obvious high spirits for their turn to declare whether they wanted to be evacuated to Turkey or not. Officials said all of the thousands of refugees showing up had opted to leave.

The British decision to stage a "census" to determine how many refugees wanted to be evacuated drew a strong protest from the Cyprus Government.

A Government spokesman said the British decision "may adversely affect" the current peace talks between the Greek and Turkish-Cypriot sides "and undermine efforts for the finding of a just settlement of the Cyprus problem."

Cypriot President Archbishop Makarios called his two-day-old Cabinet into session to consider the situation.

In Athens, a protest rally continued outside the British Embassy for the second consecutive day. Several Greek-Cypriots remained on a hunger strike overnight, and in a written statement claimed a "new Palestine" was being created in Cyprus through U.S. and British diplomacy.

Greek Foreign Minister Bitsios in a written statement charged that the British had initially stated that the refugee issue was a political question to be discussed by Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot negotiators Glafkos Clerides and Rauf Denktash. He said that "in total violation of this position" the British government gave notice of its decision on the very day negotiations began in Nicosia over substantive political issues.

The British conceded to the long-standing Turkish demand on Monday, the day negotiations between Clerides and Denktash began.

Meanwhile, the Greek Government yesterday denied rumours that Greece and Turkey had approached a state of war over the Aegean oil dispute. A statement from Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis' office said "nothing at all is happening and the Government is not taking any special measures."

Rumours were sweeping Athens that the Greek navy had sunk a Turkish destroyer and that general mobilization was about to be declared, to be followed by a broadcast to the nation by Karamanlis.

Tension between Greece and Turkey over Aegean oil and the Cyprus crisis has often provoked false reports, which the Government has repeatedly denied.

The two eastern Mediterranean countries and traditional enemies are currently involved in a war of words, and an arms race, over their conflicting claims to drilling rights in the oil-rich Aegean Sea bed. Greece claims that the continental shelves of her numerous islands cover the entire Aegean, while Turkey argues that she also has rights to Aegean exploitation based on the continental shelf of its extensive western coast.

Greek military sources yesterday announced that Athens will take delivery of the first of an estimated 36 French Mirage F-1 jet fighter planes by the end of the month.

The Mirages are part of a $350m. *package armaments deal signed* between Greece and France in May, 1974.

Under the terms of the agreement, Greece will receive four missile gunboats resembling the Israeli Saar class and 130 AMX tanks, in addition to the Mirages.

Last year, Greece received 38 Phantom jet fighters from the United States. *(AP, UPI, Reuter)*

Sadat gives deadline

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contradictions between Egypt and the Palestinians," he said. "We believe the responsible Palestinian leadership is called upon to show more patience and to give peaceful efforts in the next stage all the chances."

Asked to comment on a Palestinian statement that terrorist activities would be stepped up this year, Sadat said: "I have always declared that if we put ourselves in the place of Palestinians, we would understand them better and agree with them. It is important that the Palestinians should not be put in a position of despair, for the desperate can do nothing."

He added that he did not think increased Palestinian operations would be a sign of despair.

Egypt would not be a sphere of influence of the Soviet Union or the U.S., he said, adding: "If the Soviets want to preserve their image in the Arab world, they must fulfil their obligations under the Egyptian-Soviet treaty."

At the UN, the Egyptian delegation has warned that UN troops would have to be withdrawn from the Middle East if Israel failed to pull back its forces by the time their mandates came up for renewal.

Spokesman Mahmoud Amr said on Wednesday night that the delegation "entirely agrees" with Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's doubts, expressed at a press conference on Tuesday, as to whether the mandates of the peace-keeping units in Sinai and the Golan Heights would be extended when they expire this spring unless there was progress towards a settlement.

Amr said he ruled out any renewal "without further Israeli withdrawals from the area," though he set no deadline for such a pullback.

In a statement read to reporters at the UN, Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said the Secretary-General should be urging the parties concerned to "live up to their obligations under the military separation and cease-fire agreements." The continued presence of UN forces in the Middle East was "an indispensable part" of these accords, he added.

In his statement, Mr. Tekoah said Dr. Waldheim should not anticipate in a matter of fact way Egyptian and Syrian violations of the agreements by a refusal to prolong the Unef and Undof mandates." If the UN had not deteriorated as it had in recent years, the Secretary-General "would not have made such unhelpful comments," the Israeli delegate said.

It was thought to be the first time that Israel had levelled personal criticism at Dr. Waldheim for his attitude towards the Middle East question. Some other delegates were surprised that the Secretary-General should have made a point of the possibility that Egypt and Syria might not agree to extend the forces' mandates beyond the current six-month periods.

Dr. Waldheim's comments had prompted some sources at the UN to suggest that he appeared to be trying to put pressure on Israel and the U.S. as they began a new review of policy for negotiations with the Arabs. But UN officials claimed this was not the case.

Cosmonauts use X-ray telescope to view stars

MOSCOW (UPI). — Two Soviet cosmonauts used X-ray telescopes to view the stars yesterday and probed the earth's upper atmosphere from their vantage point aboard the Salyut 4 space station.

Winding up their fifth day aboard the orbiting three-room complex, the cosmonauts "conducted a regular series of scientific and technical research," the Tass news agency reported.

Tass said Lt. Col. Alexei Gubarev, the flight commander, and civilian flight engineer Georgi Grechko were well and all systems aboard Salyut 4 were functioning normally.

Soviet news media still gave no indication about how long the cosmonauts would remain in space. They have been aloft for six days.

Tass said Gubarev and Grechko studied the upper layer of the atmosphere by taking its temperature and carrying out studies of neutral gases there.

Readers faithful to Toy Fund

By HELEN ROSSI

WHEN THE 28th drive of *The Jerusalem Post* Toy Fund got under way seven weeks ago, we carefully avoided answering questions as to our target. Coming just after the devaluation announcement here, and knowing how belts were being tightened all over the world, we were hopeful, but hesitant.

But readers of both our daily and Overseas Weekly were faithful to the Toy Fund. In the past week IL6,851 has come in, bringing the total so far to IL119,187.90. We are now well above last year, when we only reached IL102,164.

The Games Libraries in 40 schools around the country should all be operating by next week. Our Bat and Bar Mitzva watches are all ordered and will be ready as these celebrations come up.

Our next step now is the library we are setting up in memory of our late editor, Ted Lurie, to which our contemporary, the afternoon daily "Ma'ariv," has just contributed. This project is also in its final stage and we hope to see it in operation by Purim. The Toy Fund is really with us the whole year round. We are delighted that our readers enable us to do so much good.

Yesterday's mailbag had a surprise letter. It came from the Shalom Club of Temple Israel of Great Neck, N.Y. It announced that they were delighted to be able to send us a cheque for $463, income from a Hanukka party auction. Nice work. It will help us do a lot of extras.

Our list of contributors during the past week include:—

$463 — The Shalom Club of Temple Israel, Great Neck, N.Y.

IL630 — Jerusalem Post Staff Raffle.

IL500 — Ma'ariv Daily Newspaper — in memory of Ted Lurie.

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IL25 — The Churchak family, Jerusalem — in memory of Yetta Mann.

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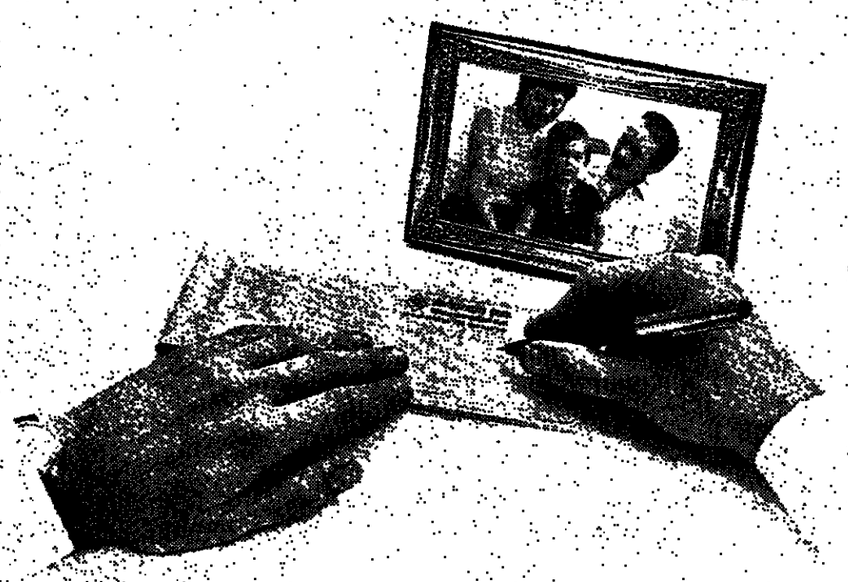

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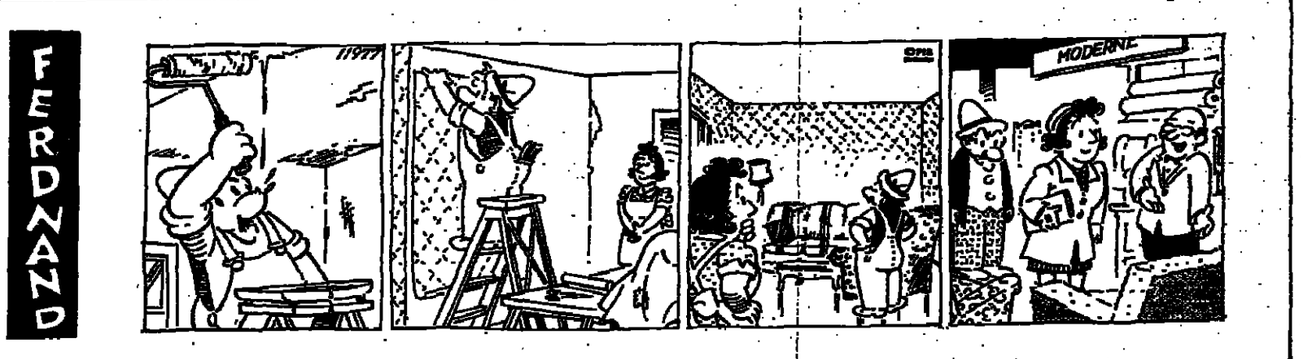

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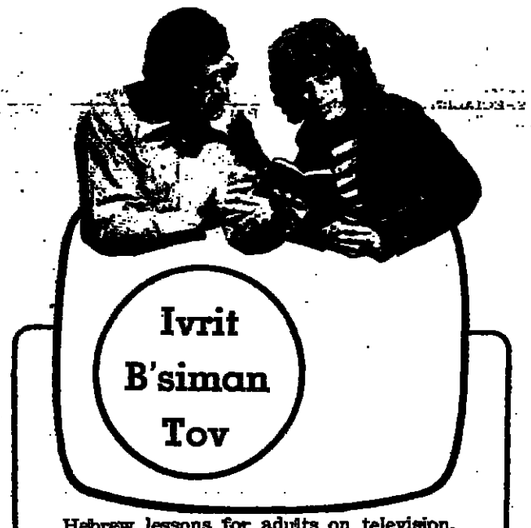

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Yeshivat Hakotel (Old City): Tonight: Minha 4.50 p.m. Traditional march to the Wall followed by Kabbalat Shabbat 5.20 p.m. Arvit (at the Synagogue), 6.10 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.30 a.m. Minha, 1.30 p.m.

Mevakshei Derech (14 Ibn Gvirol) Independent Congregational discussion on D'var Tora-Shabbat and holidays 9.00 a.m.

Italian Synagogue (Rehov Hilel) Tonight: Minha 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m.

Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Neve Schechter, behind the Israel Museum). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

Habad Lubavich Synagogue (Rehov Habad, Jewish Quarter, Old City); Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.30 a.m. Kiddush following services.

Sephardi Synagogues-Ribas (Old City): Tonight: Minha 4.45 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat, 5.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Sephardi Minyan, 7.30 a.m. Ashkenazi Minyan, 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.15 p.m.

Beit Knesset Mercazi, Talbieh: (14 Rehov Hovevei Zion, Talbieh); Tonight: 4.30 p.m.

Har-El Synagogue (Progressive Judaism) 16 Rehov Shmuel Hanagid, near Bezalel Museum. Tonight: 5.00 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi A.C. Zacut. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m.

World Council of Synagogues (Conservative) at United Synagogue of America Centre: Rehov Agron 6. Tonight 4.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Yosef Green. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Congregation Migdol Hashoshanim (22 Rehov Pinsker) Tonight: Minha 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.35 p.m., followed by Shiur in Talmud.

Young Israel (28 Rehov Ben-Tzion, Givat Shaul). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 4.35 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.10 p.m.

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Hebrew Union College (Rehov David Hamelech 13). Tomorrow: 10 a.m.

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The Great Synagogue (110 Allenby Road). Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 7.30 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (88 Rehov Ben Yehuda). Tonight: Minha 4.50 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 and 8.30 a.m. Minha 4.45 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (Beit Hamore, Rehov Nathan Strauss 5). Tonight: Minha 4.50 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.00 a.m., Minha 4.45 p.m.

Kehilat Sinai (Conservative, B'nai Brit House, 10 Rehov Kaplan, corner Hameasfim). Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m., Parashat Hashavua: Rabbi David Haber.

Kedem Synagogue: (Progressive Judaism, 20 Rehov Carlebach); Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.30 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Moshe Zemer.

Beit Haknesset Geulat Yisrael (Rehov Mercaz Ba'alei Melacha 16). Tonight: 6.00 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 8.30 a.m.

Kehilat Ramat Aviv (Progressive Judaism: Jacob-Efter Hall, Peretz Naphtali Bldg. T.A. University); Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Mr. Nissim Eliad, M.K.

BAT YAM

Minyan Tzerim Ramat Hanassi (4a Livorno): Tonight: 4.50 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Minha, 4.15 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

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Emeth V'emuna Congregation (Progressive Judaism): 57 Derech Jabotinsky. Friday: 6.00 p.m. Saturday: 9.30 a.m.

Beth Haknesset Ramat Hen (5 Rehov Ramat Hen): Friday: 5.30 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 7.45 a.m.

SAVYON

Tiferet Yitzchak Synagogue (6 Rehov Hadarom). Tonight: 4.40 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.30 a.m.

KFAR SABA

Hamnyan Hahadash (Schechuna Eliezer). Tonight 4.55 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Minha 4.45 p.m.

PETAH TIKVA

Young Israel (Ramat Werber School Rehov Anderson); Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Talmud: 7.00 a.m. [illegible] a.m.

KIRON

Young Israel (Rehov Shlomo Hamelech) Friday: 4.45 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m.

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Beit Haknesset Hechal Habanim: Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Shmuel Avidor Hacohen. Minha 4.30 p.m.

HERZLIYA

Young Israel (Hotel Hod, Rehov Hanassi) Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 8.45 a.m.

NETANYA

Beit Yisrael (Conservative). (12 Rehov Rav Kook). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

Netanya Progressive Congregation (16 Rehov Smilansky). Tonight: 5.45 p.m.

New Synagogue (7 McDonald St.) Friday: 4.45 p.m. Saturday: 8.00 a.m. Children's Oneg Shabbat 3.00 p.m. Study Group 3.45 p.m. Minha 4.30 p.m. Dvar Tora: Rabbi Emanuel Forman.

HAIFA

Moriah Congregation-Conservative (7 Rehov Horeb, Ahuza): Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Charles W. Siegel.

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RISHON LEZION

Young Israel (34 Rehov Hanotrim) Tonight 4.45p.m. Tomorrow: 6.30 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikum Beit). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

REHOVOT

Adat Shalom Synagogue (Conservative B'nai Brit Hall, 183 Rehov Herzl). Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 8.30 a.m. Sermons: Rabbi Meir Ydit.

ASHDOD

Etz Hayim Kehilat (Geulim School, Ezor Aleph) Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: 9.00 a.m.

ASHKELON

Kehilat Netzach Yisrael (Batsheva Gerbovov Community Centre, Derech Ya'acov Chaham, corner Harel, Afridar). Tonight: Kabbalat Shabbat 5.00 p.m. Saturday: Shahrit, 9.00 a.m. Sermon: Rabbi Pinhas Spectre.

BEERSHEBA

Family Congregation of Omer (Conservative) (Omer School Auditorium): Kabbalat Shabbat 5.30 p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Michael Graetz. Tomorrow: Shahrit 9.00 a.m.

Young Israel (Shikum Beit). Tonight: 4.45 p.m. Tomorrow Shahrit, 8.00 a.m.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICES

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Baptist Congregation (Rehov Narkis, Jerusalem); Saturday Services. Bible Study: 9.45 a.m. Worship 11.00 a.m.

Church of Christ (across street from Rockefeller Museum). Bible Classes: 10.00 a.m. Worship: 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Classes, 6.00 p.m.

Christ Church (Anglican) Jaffa Gate. Holy Communion. 8.00 a.m. Evening Service, 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church (Muristan Rd., Old City, Jerusalem). Arabic: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Church of the Redeemer: English: Every Sunday — 9.00 a.m. — Crusader's Chapel (next to Church); Deutsch: Jeden Sonntag um 10.10 Uhr Kindergottesdienst an jedem 1. Sonntag in Monat. Morning Prayer 8.10 a.m. every Thursday in the Crusader's Chapel (next to the Church).

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Church of Scotland (Presbyterian, near Railway Station) Jerusalem. Tel. 84325. Sunday Morning Service, 10.00 a.m.

"Shalhevetyah" — Finnish School (Lutheran) (26 Rehov Shivtei Israel). Saturday 10.30 a.m. Service in Hebrew: Sunday 7.30 p.m. Bible Study in Hebrew.

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Church of God, Mount of Olives near Palace Hotel. Tel. 284436. Services in English/German/Arabic. Sunday Worship 10.00 a.m. Thursday Prayer 6.00 p.m.

International Evangelican Church (55 Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem). Sunday: Worship: 9.00 a.m. Evening Fellowship, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study, 7.30 p.m.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church (Rehov Eilat behind Old Law Court, Tel Aviv). Saturday: 11.00 a.m.

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Church of the Nazarene (Main Street, near Galilee Hotel) Sunday Services: 10.00, 11.00 a.m., 7.30 p.m. (Tel. 065-54315).

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SATURDAY

ARRIVALS: TWA 811 from Bangkok and Bombay, 0415; Alitalia 738 from Rome, 1330; TWA 880 from N.Y. and Athens, 1430; El Al 874 from London, 1510; Lufthansa 634 from Frankfurt, 1525; TWA 810 from Boston, Paris and Rome, 1635; Swissair 330 from Zurich, 1805; El Al 358 from Frankfurt, 1925; BA 484 from London, 2010; El Al 470 from Amsterdam and Geneva, 2110; El Al 478 from Paris and Munich, 2125; El Al 476 from London and Rome, 2135; Air France 138 from Paris and Athens, 2150.

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SATURDAY

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'Jews in Diaspora must press governments to support Israel'

By GEORGE LEONOF
Jerusalem Post Reporter

For 27 years now every Israeli speaker abroad, every Jewish leader visiting Israel invariably referred to the interdependence of Israel and the Diaspora, until it has become a platform cliche, Isador Magit noted in an address to a recent conference in Sydney of the United Israel Appeal of Australia. "Well," he added, "it is one of the ironies of Jewish history that our enemies have finally forced us to realize the truth of our own cliche."

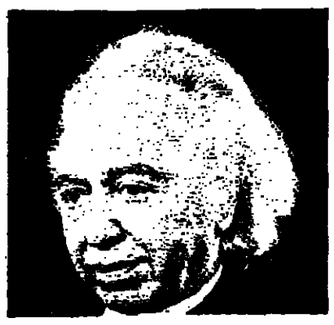
Mr. Magit, president of the Australian U.J.A. and a member of the Jewish Agency's international board of directors, says this realization was brought home with particular force by the October war and subsequent international events. Among these he lists the recent statement on Jewish influence in American life by the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, General George Brown, the virtual expulsion of Israel from Unesco, and the "remarkably frank interview" given recently by Britain's Foreign Secretary James Callaghan, in which he acknowledged that the oil crisis has imposed "a limitation on our (Britain's) freedom of movement in the conduct of Middle East policy."

Referring to the shock among American Jews at Gen. Brown's assertion, Mr. Magit said that the real issue was not whether the general was an anti-Semite. "The main point was that he was right in at least one fundamental aspect: he was aware that Israel's ability to get military, economic and political support from the U.S. — that is, Israel's survival — has a great deal to do with the influence and persistence of American Jews in pressing for such support.

"We may not like the way Gen. Brown put it, but we would be deluding ourselves if we imagined that the U.S. would have given Israel the support it has were it not for the large and well-organized commitment to Israel among a community of six million U.S. Jews."

Mr. Magit finds that American Jews are beginning to recognize that their own position in American society "becomes more vulnerable in direct proportion to the deterioration of Israel's security and sense of confidence." And this is no less true of the Jews in Australia.

Mr. Magit is convinced that Jews



Isador Magit. (Schwerin)

in the Diaspora are in a position to contribute to the success of Israel which is so vital to them. In Australia, which is at present also looking for petrodollars and whose Labour Government "now regards the P.L.O. as the representative of Palestine with whom Israel must negotiate a settlement, there is nevertheless full acceptance of the affinity of Australian Jews to Israel." At the same time, he adds, "as Jews living in this society we have not become more secure as a result of the erosion of Australian support for Israel."

"For Australia's 72,000 strong Jewish population, this means that if we think our human and material resources have been strained in the past in order to express our support for Israel, then we do not understand the word 'strain.' It also means that we have to push for a basic psychological breakthrough regarding large sections of our community who have not yet fully grasped the full dimensions of the link between the headlines and their own lives as Jews."

He says this despite the fact that the Australian Jewish community rallied strongly in Israel's support last year. They contributed more than 80 per cent of the amount collected during Australia's October war fund drive — which in turn yielded 3.5 times more than the previous record year of 1967.

"Greater efforts are being made to involve the predominantly non-Zionist Jewish youth," Mr. Magit says. "And the efforts are successful despite the exposure of the younger generation to intensifying pro-Arab propaganda in universities, left wing circles and some communist-dominated trade unions. More and more young people are coming to us for information, and the U.J.A. is expanding its cultural work among the community to take in political and social aspects."

Although most of the youth have no Zionist background, they are involved in Israel's existence and prosperity. "There is little debate among them on the question of Israel's policies, because they feel that the Israelis themselves know what is best for them. What they seek is factual information with which to counter anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda," he says.

Born in 1918 in Harbin, China, Magit matriculated in a Russian school there and went on to study economics at Yih-Wen, an American Presbyterian university in Chefoo. A successful businessman in Shanghai, he was prominent in Jewish communal activities there before leaving in the late 'forties following the Communist takeover.

In Australia, besides his fund-raising leadership, he is also closely concerned with questions of immigration to Israel. When he visited the Soviet Union in 1973, his fluent Russian stood him in good stead in meetings with Soviet Jews, and he has a keen interest in Israel's immigration and absorption problems.

Magit feels strongly about the need for the Jewish Agency and relevant government Ministries to reorganize officials dealing with immigrants in order not only to streamline a cumbersome bureaucracy but also to teach them public relations and simple manners — particularly important in dealing with newcomers.

He has no criticism of the material benefits extended to immigrants, which he says far outnumber anything offered elsewhere.

Mr. Magit, one of whose three sons has settled in Israel and lives in Jerusalem with his family, is here on a combined private and business visit. He is to attend a study mission sponsored by the Prime Minister's Office for world Jewish leaders January 21-23, a session of the Jewish Agency's board of directors later in the month, and a conference on Soviet Jewry, all of which will take place in Jerusalem.

Jewish studies proliferate in U.S. universities

ONE OF THE MOST encouraging recent phenomena in Jewish life has been the proliferation of Jewish studies in universities in various parts of the world, and especially in the U.S. The first chair for Jewish studies was established in Harvard in 1925; today in the U.S. over 100 universities have introduced such courses (nearly all over the past decade).

The disappearance of the great European source of Jewish scholarship in World War II posed a tremendous challenge to the two centres where Jewish studies were then in their infancy — the U.S. and Israel. Both of these matured rapidly and have become in turn the pivots of world Jewish scholarship. However the new situation raises new

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problems and these are surveyed on a global-diaspora basis by Professor Moshe Davis in a pamphlet published by the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

He traces variations in approach to Jewish studies in different environments. In France, such studies grew out of chairs for the Hebrew language. In England, the original framework was Biblical studies, closely allied to Christian theology. Where tradition is less ensconced they have been introduced on their own merits — such as at the University of Toronto where they constitute an inter-disciplinary programme embracing the departments of philosophy, history, Near Eastern studies, etc. Another recent development is that certain institutions under Jewish auspices are recognized by a general university as responsible for the Jewish studies of the university. For example, the Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles has become the de facto Judaica division of the University of Southern California. A similar trend is to be detected in Western Europe, while in Latin America imaginative programmes are being developed by Jewish communities and universities. Mention should also be made of the growth of Open Universities, within which Jewish studies are regularly incorporated.

Programme content

There are various problems related to the content of such programmes. Is the object to convey breadth or depth? If there is to be specialization, where should it come from and on what should it depend? At the moment, some of the courses are designed for serious scholars, others for the superficial credit-seeker. And here we get involved in a dilemma stemming from the involvement of the Jewish community in these courses. The discovery that young Jews of college age were interested in taking courses on Jewish topics came as a revelation. The pressure to establish such programmes therefore in many instances came from the local community which also provided the funds. One of the motivations of the interested Jewish students is their intensified search for identity. This leads to a tension between purely academic interests and the interests of the community—and most of the students—for whom these courses are liable to be a replacement for the *cheder* they did not attend.

Professor Davis refers to the potential of campus Judaica courses to awaken and enhance Jewish identification, but notes the potential threat to objective scholarship if the classroom is made into a Jewish identity forum. He finds a growing school of thought which insists that the two goals are not contradictory: "The fact that a scholar aspires to the highest levels of research and teaching does not release him from his responsibilities to the Jewish community" (a formulation that somewhat sidesteps the issue). He concludes, however, that great care must be taken to avoid imposing Jewish community needs on permanent university structures.

A dramatic new vista of Jewish studies is the introduction of courses on Judaism and Jews as factors in world civilization in settings where there are few or no Jewish students. There is a growing incidence of courses on Jews and Judaism in Catholic universities and colleges — often taught by Jews. The first Jewish studies courses in any Argentinian university were initiated at the Jesuit Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires in 1973.

Another booklet, issued under the same auspices and edited by Professor Davis, examines the problems of teaching Contemporary Jewish Civilization on American campuses. Here, the well-known American sociologist Marshall Sklare analyses four eras in the teaching of contemporary Jewish studies in the U.S. The first era — from the early part of the century to the 1930s — he calls the "assimilationist era," which held that the Jews were dying and therefore there was no point to such studies. There was virtually no academic interest in the Jewish world. Then came the "anti-Semitism era" when the desire was to defend the Jews—and this was done in the printed page and other media rather than in the classroom. The emphasis was on defence and the problem of Jewish identity was of little concern. The third era, which came into its own in the early 1950s, is characterized by Sklare as the "alienated intellectual era." The liberal or radical intellectual claimed that the Jewish community was rejecting him. The community had become materialistic, he claimed, and he had no strong motivation to teach about Jews. The fourth era, only now emerging, is the "survivalist era." Social scientists are willing, and even desirous, of being perceived as Jewish intellectuals rather than as intellectual Jews. They see social science as germane to their Jewish commitment, and the new pluralism of the late 1960s has made this position tenable and attractive. The teaching of contemporary Jewish studies has both an academic relevance as well as a direct relation to student needs, particularly of Jewish students.

In the same booklet Professor Daniel J. Elazar finds three fields of contemporary Jewish studies modestly represented on the U.S. campus today—Jewish sociology (which is the easiest to introduce given the "ethnic studies" bias in the universities today), contemporary Jewish history — especially American Jewish history—and the politics and government of Israel. A fourth area that is developing deals with religion and ethnicity. Non-existent are relevant courses in demography, economics, and anthropology. There are courses on the Holocaust — but in this connection a warning comes from Professor George L. Mosse, who feels that it is wrong to concentrate a course completely on the Holocaust since no student will understand the causes of this catastrophe unless he has studied a century of history before that event.

Perhaps most important in these publications is the evidence that Jewish scholars from different parts of the world are working together in planning and developing these studies in an integrated fashion instead of the partisan approach that has been predominant hitherto.

SPORTS ABROAD — BERNIE BERNI

The Israel Sabras play the Houston Super Stars in a recent exh game at the Yad Eliahu stadium. In white from the right are "Snake" Jones and shooter Roger Brown, the tallest of the team at 2.15 metres. (Israe

Sabras open hoop seaso in Madrid tomorrow

THE ISRAEL SABRAS open their season tomorrow night in Madrid, Spain, as professional basketball comes to Israel. The Sabras make their home debut on January 27 at the 10,000 seat Yad Eliahu sports palace.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Boston	22	13	.629	—
Buffalo	24	15	.615	½
New York	21	16	.568	2½
Philadelphia	16	22	.421	8
Central Division				
Washington	25	12	.684	—
Cleveland	20	16	.556	5
Houston	20	18	.526	6
Atlanta	17	23	.425	10
New Orleans	3	34	.081	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Detroit	22	17	.564	—
Chicago	20	18	.526	1½
KC-Omaha	21	23	.488	3
Milwaukee	17	20	.459	4
Pacific Division				
Golden State	25	12	.676	—
Seattle	19	19	.500	6½
Portland	17	21	.447	8½
Phoenix	15	21	.417	9½
Los Angeles	16	23	.410	10

NBA SCORING

	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Barry, Golden St	489	221	1199	33.3
McAdoo, Buffalo	461	302	1224	33.1
Scott, Phoenix	362	153	877	25.8
Lanier, Detroit	364	166	894	24.3
Archibald, KC-O	323	314	960	22.9
Wicks, Portland	309	219	837	22.6
Haywood, Seattle	332	184	848	22.3
F. Brown, Seattle	364	116	846	22.3
Chenier, Wash.	328	128	784	21.5
Havlicek, Boston	315	143	773	21.5

ABA STANDINGS

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Kentucky	27	11	.711	—
New York	28	12	.700	—
St. Louis	17	27	.386	13
Memphis	11	30	.268	17½
Virginia	9	30	.231	18½
West				
Denver	34	5	.873	—
San Antonio	24	20	.545	12½
Utah	20	24	.455	16½
Indiana	17	21	.447	16½
San Diego	18	23	.410	16

BOXING

MUHAMMAD ALI has signed to defend his heavyweight championship against Chuck Wepner, a veteran boxer who works full time as a liquor salesman. The fight is scheduled to take place in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 24th. Ali is passing up a $2.2m. offer to fight third-ranked Ron Lyle at New York's Madison Square Garden to meet eight-ranked Wepner. Wepner has won 30 and lost 9 fights.

JAMAICAN-BORN BUNNY JOHNSON captured the British and Commonwealth heavyweight boxing titles when he knocked out champion Danny McAlinden in the ninth round of their scheduled 15-round bout at the World Sporting Club in London on Monday night.

It was the first defence fo Alinden of the titles he w June 1972 from Jack Bodell, fight against Johnson finally place after three postpone first last March when McA broke his thumb and twice when the fighters in turn down with the flu.

The victory made Johnso first black British heavyw champion.

TRACK & FIELD

IN THE FIRST major meet U.S. indoor track season Mar quori won the mile in a me cord of 3 minutes 57.7 secon the University of Maryland's Cole Field House track on day.

A crowd of 11,721 watche quori, who now runs for the da Track Club, outsprint Stev fontaine of Oregon on the la for a six yard victory. Prefo was timed in 3:56.5. Another record was set by Al Feuerba the 16-pound shot with a to 69 feet 2¼ inches.

In the women's 880-yard run, ryl Toussaint of the Atoms Club set a meet record with a of 2:08.

Other winners included D Stones in the high jump w jump of 7 feet 3 inches, Steve dick in the 60-yard dash in onds flat, and Dave Roberts Florida Track Club in the vault with a vault of 17 fe

TENNIS

TWO RISING PROFESSIO tennis players, Harold Solomo Eddie Dibbs, have been dubbe "Bagel Twins" by the Ame sports press.

Both are Jewish and insepa friends, and they are known their sense of humour on an the court. Solomon is ranked in the United States by the As tion of Tennis Professionals an the National Amateur clay champion at 18. Dibbs is ranked and has twice won the German

How did they get the nickna "I was the one who origi made it up," explains Mr. "You see, when you get bea games to love, it's called 'The B Simple logic. A bagel has a Zero. It used to happen to lot, so I called myself 'The Kid.' When Solomon joined m doubles, it naturally became 'Bagel Twins.'"

DANCE NEWS

Winnipeg Ballet revives Jooss masterpiece

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet of Canada will come to Israel in August for the Israel Festival. This is a tremendous "scoop" for this year's Festival, as the company is one of the finest in the world. It has a classical repertoire but also stages modern ballets by choreographers such as John Neumeir ("Rondo"), Norbert Vesak ("The Ecstasy of Rita Joe") Brian Macdonald and John Butler (both of whom have choreographed in Israel) and, most recently, Kurt Jooss ("The Green Table").

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet was the first Canadian company to be formed — in 1938. It became professional in 1949 and "Royal" in 1953, an honour bestowed by Queen Elizabeth II, who two years earlier, as princess, had been capivated by the company. It has toured Russia, Czechoslovakia and Australia and has made appearances in Paris, New York and London.

The thought occurs to me that same Kurt Jooss masterpiece which has just been revived by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet with such tremendous success would suit one of our own companies admirably. Moreover, Jooss is a ballet "great" who should certainly be invited here — not to dance, for he is 73 now, but to stage "The Green Table."

Jooss may be regarded be as a "righteous gentile." He is a German who refused to dismiss the Jewish members of his company and cooperate with the Nazis. He had to leave Germany in a hurry. His musical director, Frederick (Fritz) Cohen; who composed the music for "The Green Table," was among those who went with him. Aided by a British couple, Leonard and Dorothy Elmhirst, Jooss re-established his company in England at Dartington Hall.

In the 1950s when money became scarce even among the usually wealthy patrons, Kurt Jooss went back to Germany, but two years later formed a travelling company. The company disbanded in the mid-sixties and he has freelanced since — lecturing and staging his ballets or letting his daughter Anna Markard direct them. "The Green Table" is naturally most in demand and has been performed by several companies in Europe and by the Joffrey company in the U.S., with the latest production in Winnipeg.

"The Green Table" is an overwhelmingly satirical piece, as pertinent in the present world situation as it was in 1939.

Created for a competition in France, where it made Kurt Jooss famous overnight in 1932, "The Green Table" is best described by Agnes de Mille, herself a gifted and celebrated choreographer. Recalling that occasion in Paris she has written: "The impact was stunning and the prophetic insight frightening. It is today, more than 40 years later, still frightening and just as moving."

We need some such work to recall our choreography from the mirage of abstractions which has crept into so much modern dance — and it could also be our way of saying that we recognise Kurt Jooss as a genius and a friend. It is time.

DORA SOWDEN

CINEMA

Bardot in Louisiana Western

LES PETROLEUSES (Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv) is a light-hearted Western starring Brigitte Bardot (her first film to reach Israel since she recently turned 40) and Claudia Cardinale. This French-Italian-Spanish co-production with French dialogue reunites Bardot with veteran director Christian-Jaque, the two having last worked together 15 years ago in "Babette Goes To War."

The story, which has a certain kinship to "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers," is set among French-speaking settlers in Louisiana in the 1880s, making an interesting departure from the usual Hollywood Western. The cleverly worked plot centres on the feud between ex-outlaw "Frenchie King" (Bardot) and Maria Sarazin (Cardinale), two gun-toting, hard-riding ladies, also adept at various martial arts. Frenchie looks after her four younger step-sisters (in the opening sequence, we see them all, dressed as men, carrying out their last train robbery before "retiring"), while Maria has in her charge four rugged, pioneering brothers, Frenchie and Maria fight — literally at times — over the rights to a ranch where oil has just been discovered, oil apparently arousing violent passions nearly 100 years ago! Meanwhile, the brothers and sisters are inevitably attracted to each other. Also mixed up in the comical goings-on is a fumbling English-speaking sheriff, played by American actor Michael J. Pollard, who has a habit of losing his gun or his horse when action is called for, and spends a lot of time trying to learn French.

Between holding up trains and fighting like men, Bardot and Cardinale both look beautiful and show a nice sense of humour, and Pollard is delightful as the ineffective lawman. Christian-Jaque brings a great deal of charm and freshness to the scenes involving the brothers and sisters, both when they are on their own or together. All the cast enter into the fun with gusto, and Francis Lai's catchy musical score is another bonus of this entertaining piece.

J. L.

REAL ESTATE. — Kuwait has purchased the 38-storey "Manhattan Tower," one of the biggest buildings in Paris the Lebanese newspaper "al Anwar" said on Wednesday.

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...k prices, however, remained ... as investors adopted a wait-... attitude towards possible ... and dividend payouts. Most ... action was in the financial ... since banks and finance ...ue their annual reports ear-...han other companies.

Overall bond volume was IL11,639,800. Stock trading accounted for IL1,804,400, of which IL838,100 was in the variables.

Bank Leumi gained a point and ended up at 245 on a turnover of 159,000. Apotekai, which traded IL85,000, closed at 284, plus a point and a half. Otzar Ha'Ta'asia was active for the second straight day and closed at 194 after taking on a point on volume of IL52,000.

Other active issues were Leumi Investments — 198, up 1½, with IL40,000 worth trading hands. Lapidot (regular), on IL8,000, gained 25 to 265.

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...1969, Series 41	b	172.4	136.8
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...Bankholding	r	184	184
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...Hapoalim—10%	b	292	293
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...House	b	71.5	71.5
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Isras	b	101	102
Mehadrin	r	163	163
I.C.P. Isr. Citrus	r	90	90.5
Anglo-Isr. Investor	b	178.5	178.5
Neot Aviv	r	73.5	73.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	151	151
Rassco—8%	r	77	76
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INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance—B	r	405	415
Elco—2.5	b	100	100
Electra—5	r	134.5	135
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"Ata"—C	r	80	80
Dubek	b	325.5	325
Elect. Wire & Cable	b	141	142
Teva		1182	1182
Chem. & Phosphates	r	128	123
Lewin Epstein	b	72.5	72.5
Moller Textile	r	181.5	181.5
Phoenicia—8%	b	67	67
Paper Mills	r	218	218
Assis "B"	r	165	165.5
Nechushtan	b	540	568
Elite (A)	r	193	191
Shemen—8%	b	105	106
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Israel Central Trade	r	150	150
Bank Hapoalim	b	250	249
Paz	b	90	88
Wolfson IL10	b	67	68
Ampa	r	105	104
Discount Bank	b	157.5	157.5
United Mizrahi	b	145	148
Bank Leumi	r	195	196.5
Piryon Investment	r	90	89.5
Hassneh-For. Trade	r	81	80
Export Bank	b	62	62
Clal Investment	r	200	201
Clal Industries	r	122	120.5
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Naphta OTC	r	143	136.5
Lapidoth OTC	r	265	281

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

...FA. — "We have a number of ...edores willing to work in Eilat ...our for a time, but nobody has ...d us to volunteer," the Secre-... of the Haifa port stevedores, ...cov Wiedwasser, told *The Jeru-...n Post* yesterday. He had been ...d whether his men were willing ...elp out in Eilat harbour, which ...adly congested, while there is ... hardly enough work to go ...d in Haifa.

Eilat, a 10 per cent congestion *surcharge is still being levied,* and the port desperately needs 50 extra skilled men to help overcome the congestion. Both in Haifa and Ashdod there is little work, as a result of the drastic reduction of imspare 25 men each for a few weeks. Some days, dozens of men are in fact idle for lack of work.

The Secretary of the Shippers Council told *The Post* that he was "astounded" by the situation, and he would take it up with the authorities.

West could end oil crisis in ten years

...RIS (Reuter). — The non-Com-...ist industrial nations could be ...ost self-sufficient in energy by ... if they pushed their own con-...ation and production possibilities ...he limit, international economic ...erts reported on Tuesday.

...ithout pressing that hard, the ...tern nations will be producing ...t 80 per cent of their overall ...gy requirements by then, the ...rt by the Organization for Eco-...ic Cooperation and Development ...CD) said.

...he Western nations now meet ...e 65 per cent of their own ...s. This figure was originally ...cted to fall to 55 per cent by ... mid-1980s — before the energy ...s erupted just over a year ago. ...il itself, the central commodity ...the current crisis, willl account ...less than 45 per cent of the ...strial nations' total energy con-...ption in 10 years' time, com-...d with 55 per cent at present, ... OECD report said.

...triking a mainly optimistic note, ...report was described as the ... attempt at a comprehensive ...ssment of long-range energy ...blems for the 22-nation OECD ...a, including the U.S., Western ...ope, Japan, Canada and Aus-...ia.

...he OECD study, launched in ... but taking full account of the ...at oil upheaval, said the indus-...l nations could reduce energy ...sumption to levels 20 per cent ...w those originally anticipated ... 1985 — if they made a max-...m energy-saving effort. Coupled ... intensive development of their ... energy resources, this could ...e them self-reliant by that date. ...ven with present technology, oil ... gas production in the OECD ...a could be doubled from 1972 to ...5, coal output increased by 65 ... cent and hydro and geothermal ...er by 67 per cent, it said.

...uclear power could be increased ...tyfold, providing one third of ... electricity generated in the in-...trial countries, the report said. ...rgy from the sun and from ...age waste, particularly for use ...the heating of water and build-...s, could also be developed rap-...y.

But the report underlined that conservation and new production of energy presented far greater problems for some countries than for others. Realization of the full potential would require huge capital investment — estimated at more than $1,000,000m. for the OECD area — and it also risked interfering with other economic objectives.

So overall OECD self-sufficiency in energy by 1985 would not be a desirable target for all countries and was, therefore, improbable, the report said.

The U.S., however, was expected to be meeting all its own energy needs by that time. Provided world oil prices remain high, the U.S. will become a "substantial exporter" of oil by the mid-1980s. Supplies would also be boosted by the development of oil shale output.

The *nine-nation European Common* Market would reach between 50 and 55 per cent self-reliance in energy in the next decade, compared with 37 per cent at present, the report said.

Europe's position will be improved, the report noted, by the new oil producing region in the North Sea, where drilling activity has been intensified by the sharp rise in world oil prices.

The OECD report said authoritative sources suggested that North Sea reserves south of the 62nd parallel — proven or estimated — ran to as much as 42,000m barrels, almost two-thirds of it under British jurisdiction and most of the rest under Norwegian control.

Japan, on the other hand, is still expected to be heavily dependent on imported oil to satisfy its energy needs over the next 10 years, having to buy up to 9m. barrels a day in 1985.

For the OECD area as a whole, the probable decline in energy consumption growth and the increase in domestic production *will lead to* a considerable cut in oil imports from the Middle East and elsewhere, the report said.

Despite the encouraging prospects within the OECD, it stressed an urgent need for close cooperation among the industrial nations in all fields of energy policy.

State Comptroller's report:

Electric Corp.'s higher costs must be absorbed by consumers or Government

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE STATE COMPTROLLER'S latest report on the Israel Electric Corporation *is the fourth since 1961.* It covers mainly the three years ending November 1974, but looks further back to give a proper perspective. Thoughtful reading opens up two ominous vistas. The view into the immediate future shows the inevitability of new substantial increases of our electricity bills, or new massive Government subsidies, or a combination of both in order to bridge the widening gap between income and expenditure. The view into the past runs over the whole gammut of ills in the financial, administrative, and labour relations practices of a public utility service in Israel, in this case the country's largest. It's balance sheet is nearing more than a thousand million pounds. It employs over 6,000 persons, including several hundred temporary workers, in addition to those who have retired over the years but are still on the company's payroll.

On 85 pages of terse, dry prose and figures that often need elabor*ation to become understandable in* their implications the Comptroller shows the enormous difficulties that face a management wedged in between Government offices that prescribe the electricity tariffs down to the fraction of an agora for every type of consumer except one, and a powerful staff committee that insists on company employees and pensioners receiving an unlimited amount of current at the symbolic rate of 0.3 per kilowatt/hour (at a time when the cost of fuel alone needed to generate it costs 13 agorot)

The abuses which the Comptroller has exposed are alarming. The average householder consumed about 2,500

The IEC management emerges as having no more authority than a chief clerk when it comes to tariffs and accounting methods.

kw/h in 1973. In that year 30 per cent of the company employees and pensioners used up to 4,000 kw/h. Another 45 per cent used between 8,000 and 12,000 kw/h, three per cent 12,000 to 14,000 kw/h. Now the figure has risen again: five per cent manage to consume 14,000 kw/h and over in a year. (Electrical engineers say that such a quantity could be used up only in an energy-intensive workshop — and indeed there is no regulation to stop a company employee from setting one up).

There are other privileges, or abuses. The comptroller (on pages 58 and 59) relates how the IEC between 1971 and 1973 bought nine gas turbine driven generating units with a combined capacity of 355,000 kilowatt. "In mid-January (1971) the tender committee met on the purchase of the equipment. *During part of the session a member of the board of directors attended at his own request and gave ex*planations on the bid of supplier B. As was noted in the protocol, the board member stated that he had connections with that supplier." Two units were ordered by the committee from supplier A, one from B, "with the knowledge of the Government Ministries concerned and for economic considerations related to the activity of the supplier in the Israel economy." When in October that year the tender committee met again to lay down the details of the purchase contract, the afore-mentioned board member was present again, at his request. The Comptroller's comment: "It is not desirable that a board member who is not member of the tender committee, should on his own initiative take part in the meetings of a committee which is guided mainly by technical and commercial considerations."

Relations between the management and the 5,500 or so permanent employees are governed by regul*ations laid down in 1951.* "Some of the company's practices are not based on these regulations, nor have they been approved by the board of directors. No document exists which lays down in full the company's practices with regard to its manpower and *to* labour relations." In August 1971 the manpower departments ruled that personnel should be engaged only on the basis of job needs and qualifications. "But if a candidate who is a relative of an employee also has the qualifications required for a job, he should be preferred." Almost three years later the engagement *of* relatives was made subject to the approval of the manpower department. Comments the Comptroller: "Family relationship... is not a legitimate consideration in the choice of employees and not conducive to the engagement of the most suited person."

The Comptroller also lists another item of company folklore: company employees contributed from their vacation pay to the election campaign fund of the Labour Party *(IL29,500) at the end of 1973,* at the request of the staff committee. Comment: "It is not desirable that a Government corporation should be involved in arrangements for employees' contributions to a political party."

Over 500 cars are at the personal disposal of company employees. *"They are not required to pay for* the use of the cars for private travel." When company cars are involved in traffic accidents and violations of traffic laws, the fines are paid by the company in part or for parking tickets and defects, in full. Comment: "The payment of fines by the company defeats their purpose — to deter the drivers."

Often the Electric Corporation itself is the target of delays, bureaucracy, sometimes outright opposition, by other agencies and local authorities. The choice of land for a power station midway between Haifa and Tel Aviv ran up against various interests, some legitimate, such as the Nature Reserves Authority and the Antiquities Department. The Caesarea Development Company demanded a fortune as compensation for land use and right of way. So far IL5m. was paid to it on account. As a result work on the new power station was delayed, and the IEC had to start hastily another power station at Ashdod *(Eshkol 4) in order to avoid a power-*shortage in 1976/77.

The Reading Power Station 4 too became the victim of long and, to the public, costly delays. Work was to have started in 1966, and the forecast for its cost was IL165m. The site was contested and work held up for nearly two years. The cost estimate was revised to IL181m. In the end the station of two 214,000 kilowatt units cost IL217m. to build. What contributed to the cost increase were: one half to change in the exchange value of the Israel pound and higher prices resulting from delays; the other half to lack of planning, in the supply of equipment, in construction work, plus additional demands. One of these was to build a 150 metre high smoke stack instead of one of 80 metres, as originally planned, on the insistence of the ecologists. The extra cost for all facilities meeting ecological demands was IL7.3m.

The Comptroller takes five pages to describe the tribulations of construction, technical, financial, the upsets of the time table, errors of judgment. The Comptroller's staff consists of highly skilled accountants, but even these cannot pass judgment on purely technical matters, and this raises the question of whether the State Comptroller should not employ, at least on an ad hoc basis, experienced technologists to supplement analysis based on recorded information only with direct evidence from the building cities.

This becomes all the more important when reading the Comptroller's report on the technical flaws in the boilers, which do not heat water to the required temperatures. This caused breakdowns, delays, loss of income, higher than expected consumption of fuel and extra generating costs. The manufacturer

More than 6,000 employees and pensioners pay a fraction of the cost of electricity to other consumers. Of these privileged users, 30 per cent used almost twice as much as the average consumer in 1973.

offered a small sum by way of compensation. Flaws also developed in the condenser and in the turbines. Repairs were at the expense of the supplier.

These troubles were compounded by explosion in April last year which seriously damaged the boiler and surrounding facilities. An enquiry *committee was appointed to deter*mine cause and responsibility. "Only on August 22 did the committee report to the board of directors, on the results of the enquiry which attributed the explosion to the erroneous act of an employee. "In the view of the Comptroller the enquiry and the report on it should take less time." It took four months to restore the boiler to service, at a cost of about IL2.5m.

The reader will gain an idea of the unforeseen, and unforeseeable, likely to confront IEC engineers on page 52. "The equipment (for Reading 4) was ordered from a manufacturer of international repute. But the findings show that the generating units installed were flawed, and that these flaws have not been fully repaired. These are large and brand-new units that supply about one quarter of the company's generating capacity and are essential during a long period for maintaining a regular power supply."

Technical faults, strikes and other troubles at the manufacturer's end also afflicted the supply of equipment to the Eshkol 3 power station at Ashdod. The cost estimate was IL263m. in 1970, eventual outlay will near IL360m. The delay saw changes in the exchange rate of the Israel pound, and higher costs for materials and labour. The Yom Kippur War and a *cement shortage* delayed the completion of the second of the two units. A building contractor there could not maintain the proper speed and upset the time table. Work had to be turned over to other contractors, often at extra cost. Mounting of equipment was delayed as a result, again causing extra expense. For the harrassed company engineers and the management the overriding consideration was the urgent need for new capacity as fast as possible.

Trouble struck again on January 20 last year when the Reading Power Station broke down and the gas turbines were switched on as an emergency measure. Four out of five stations which were believed serviceable failed to function. The same happened again on January 24. On the whole the record of gas stations looks good: out of 3,656 switch-ons, only 125 misfired.

The IEC management emerges as having no more authority than a chief clerk when it comes to tariffs and accounting methods. In 1973 the company's liabilities grew by no less than IL219m. because of index-linked debts. The balance sheet for that year and the profit-and-loss account are still not ready because a Government ruling is awaited on how to record these linkage increments.

The company's appropriations for *pensions* and severance compensation payments have for several years been found to lag behind its needs. An inter-ministerial committee has been studying the problem for years, and turned in an interim report that February. The Government's decision is still awaited.

The Government also determines *the company's income* through tariffs for power supply. Electricity sales rose from 4,714m. kw/h in 1968 to 7,380m. in 1973., sales from IL245m. to IL560m., and tariffs tripled, mainly to offset higher fuel costs. They went up twice in 1974. Between 1968 and today the irrigation tariff went up by 179 per cent, that for industry 153 per cent, for water supply 128 per cent and for domestic users by 98 per cent. These differential increases redressed somewhat the long-standing, weird imbalance and preferential tariffs uniformly enjoyed by farmers and industrialists.

The anomalous tariff structure (imposed by paternalistic Government economists) was reviewed by a public committee appointed in 1972. It took almost two years to make its report. "At the end of the period under review by the Comptroller — November 1974 — the company reports that the subject is still being studied."

The subject has become urgent because of the recent rise in fuel prices. In March 1971 a ton of heavy fuel oil cost the IEC IL45 a ton, at the end of 1973 IL105; in January last year IL210 and since last November IL450. In 1973 fuel accounted for one third of the company's generating costs, last March 44 per cent, and since November it accounts for two-thirds.

Labour costs per kw/h went down as a result of improved generating technology. The Comptroller complains that the company's accounting system mixes the cost of labour for generating electricity (where the picture is favourable) with all other labour costs, a method "which makes an analysis of labour costs in the company difficult." The company has promised to disentangle the compound item.

Despite improved labour-saving technology, figures show that the growth of the payroll outruns electricity sales.

But the Comptroller has already compiled figures to show that the growth of the payroll outruns that of electricity sales.

Since 1972 the IEC accounts have been in the red. In 1971 it was still able to pay its shareholders IL7.4m. dividends. In 1972 they showed a loss and no dividend was paid. "In 1973 for which no balance sheet has yet been prepared the outlook is a turn for the worse because of higher outlay on fuel, *capital charges* and labour.... the financial results were influenced also by a slow-down in electricity consumption."

In the company's accounting problems the Comptroller's sympathy lies clearly with the management. "The demand is justified that the company's accounts should fully reflect its liabilities and expenses. But the company operates in circumstances that make it difficult to meet that demand. It is therefore the duty of the authorities concerned with its affairs to aid it in paving a way to meet that demand. The company needs to raise money for development in the capital market. It must therefore achieve in its profit and loss account and in its balance sheet results that will enable an investor, institutional or otherwise, to justify the purchase of the company's securities. On the other hand the company is not, and has not been for many years, free to fix tariffs to obtain revenue on a commercial basis only. Relatively low tariffs were fixed, *as part of* the Government's economic policy to maintain a stable price level. The Government has compensated the company for that only in part, by putting a low price on the fuel it has bought... The Comptroller is ready, in consultation with the Finance Minister, to guide public utilities in drawing up accounts... support for the company must come in addition to, and certainly not instead of, its own continued efforts to improve efficiency as best it can."

MIKI'S REGIME MAY BE SHORTLIVED

Japan's unions seek massive pay hike

TOKYO. — ONLY WEEKS AFTER he assumed office as Japan's Prime Minister, Takeo Miki must face the prospect that his regime may be shortlived. Basically, he has only two or three months to come up with solutions to the sort of crippling economic problems that so far have defied the efforts of far more expert men than he both at home and abroad.

In his first major policy speech Miki promised to keep the soaring cost of living down to manageable proportions in consultation with management and labour. He wants to hold the annual margin of consumer price increase down to 15 per cent by the time the current financial year ends in March. At the moment the 12-month jump in the index stands at 24.4 per cent, one of the world's highest.

The Prime Minister has promised to present his detailed economic blueprint by February, which happens to be only just in time if the Government is to head off a determined trade union drive for another massive wage boost in the annual spring labour offensive beginning in early March.

Rising labour costs, coupled with increased raw material costs, have virtually destroyed the competitiveness of some of Japan's most important export industries. Japanese *textiles,* for example, until only a short time ago dominated world markets. Now things are so bad that Japanese companies are forming anti-recession cartels and the first moves are evident of protectionism to stop the flood of cheaper foreign textile imports primarily from South-East Asia, where labour costs are much lower.

What has so far been evident during the brief Miki reign is that the days of high economic growth-orientated policies for Japan are, a least temporarily, over. Successive conservative Governments for most of the last two decades have continued this policy, obsessed with an expanding gross national product (now the third largest after the U.S. and Soviet Union).

Tanaka's grandiose plans for wholesale relocation of industry and population, linked by an ambitious network of high-speed roads and railways, have been blamed as a prime cause of Japan's inflation, particularly the ridiculous rise in land prices that has put home ownership beyond the reach of all but a handful of Japanese. One of the first acts of the new *Premier* was to scrap a project calling for several bridges linking the main island of Honshu with Shikoku across the Inland Sea.

But one of the major stumbling blocks facing Miki in the coming weeks and months is his own Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). His position is extremely weak, having vaulted over the backs of stronger rivals to the Premier's seat through the brilliant conniving of an LDP elder, party vice-president Etsusaburo Shiina.

Miki has also left himself open to opposition attack, especially over the controversial appointment of Toshio Komoto as Trade Minister. Although Parliament has found the charges not proved, Komoto has been accused of stock manipulation in an attempted takeover of a major shipping firm.

This has given the opposition a very welcome target to chip away at Miki's image as "Mr. Clean" in politics, and neither the Premier nor the Trade Minister has been very convincing in their parliamentary responses so far.

Still, Miki has a considerable degree of public support at present for his image as an honest reformer. A first public opinion poll gives him almost 49 per cent support, which is regarded as extremely good. (OFNS)

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SOVIET JEWRY TODAY

SOVIET INTENTIONS, always unpredictable, are now more obscure than ever. But Jewish leaders in Israel and abroad are naturally and inevitably preparing for the worst, from Jewry's viewpoint: that the abrogation of the trade agreement will herald a new policy of tight restriction on Jewish emigration from Russia.

In that case, the challenge is daunting. The moral and political strength of Western Jewry must be harnessed anew. Enlightened opinion must be reawakened to a humanitarian predicament which had seemed on the verge of eventual solution. But righteous outrage and patriotic fervour will not be enough to meet the challenge.

The problem of Soviet Jewry has become a central factor in Big Power politics. First, the U.S. Congress sought to bring about — by action specifically related to Soviet Jews — a general alleviation of human and social restrictions imposed on Soviet citizens. Trade and detente were to be advanced as part of a general dismantling of the barriers between the peoples, and not only between the governments, of the Soviet Bloc and the West.

Now the Soviets, having apparently decided — for reasons that outsiders can only guess at — to call a halt to the detente, are seeking to shift the blame upon Soviet Jews and their supporters in the West.

Responsible Jewish leadership, here and abroad, must be wary above all not to lend credence, by their own statements and actions, to this Soviet contention. Hasty recriminations might have this harmful effect: they certainly will not gain support for the Soviet Jewish cause in a shocked and disappointed West.

If the Trade Bill in its present form is now doomed, then the struggle for Soviet Jewish exodus must continue on its original a-political, purely humanitarian basis. It was on this basis that it achieved its early successes. There is no inevitable or indissoluble link between the Trade Bill — or detente as such — and the Soviet Jewry issue.

The authors of the Jackson Amendment have openly challenged the Soviet explanation that it was the Amendment which led them to renege on the agreement. These Congressional leaders would be the first to agree that if their own efforts in the cause of Soviet Jewry have run up against a far deeper and broader wall of Soviet intransigence, then the struggle must go on as a humanitarian issue.

The let-down for the tens of thousands of Soviet Jews thinking or dreaming of aliya has been sharp and bitter. They have re-learned a lesson that might have been blurred in the euphoria of burgeoning detente: Kremlin policy changes without warning and sometimes without reason; it must never be relied upon.

In the long term, a regression in the detente will probably influence more Jews than ever towards leaving for Israel. In the immediate future, however, Soviet Jewry — now without many of its bravest and most idealistic leaders and activists, who have managed to come to Israel — will look to Jews abroad for comfort and encouragement, and for faith in the ultimate success of their struggle. They must not be disappointed.

CONGRESS: 'I GAVE HIM THE BILL AND HE FELT INSULTED!'

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'Kremlin wants to torpedo Jackson's presidential bid; strengthen detente ties'

By DEV MURARKA

MOSCOW. — THE SOVIET REJECTION of the American offer of freer trade on condition that more Russian Jews be allowed to leave the country has serious implications for the superpower detente. The provision on freer emigration became known as the Jackson Amendment, but now it is the Brezhnev Amendment that stands.

The economic effects of the Soviet rejection of the Trade Bill may not be so important, since it does not affect contracts already signed nor any not requiring "most favoured nation" treatment. At the most, therefore, it will slow down future trade growth for a while.

One economic effect may be in the field of Soviet Repayment World War II Lend-Lease debts to the United States.

According to an agreement signed in 1972, Moscow has to pay back 722m. dollars by July 1, 2001. Of this, 12m. were paid in October 1972 and 24m. in July 1973. No payment was scheduled for 1974 but from 1975 onwards payment was to be made annually.

However, this repayment was subject to the Soviet Union getting "most favoured nation" treatment in trade relations. Moscow's rejection of the Trade Bill means that no such treatment will be provided and it is quite possible that the Soviet Union will stop repayments of the debt till this is done. But no one is certain whether Moscow will take this step or not and Moscow does not have to say anything till the next instalment is due next July.

However, it is the political implications which are more pertinent. In the first place, Moscow has served unambiguous notice that it can be pushed around only so much in the name of detente. Lately, the Russians have come to feel strongly that, under cover of detente, Washington — or at any rate some elements in Washington — is bent upon humiliating the Soviet Union in the eyes of the world and in the eyes of its own people.

This was becoming almost intolerable for Soviet leaders. In private, some were even being taunted that domestic policy was no longer being made in the Kremlin but in the White House. The Soviet rejection of the bill with conditions attached about emigration will, therefore, please a vast section of the Soviet public and certainly the Party and state apparatus.

Secondly, the Russians fervently hope that it will put an end to the presidential aspirations of Senator Jackson. There is little doubt that the Russians had come to detest the Democratic Senator, who was making political capital at their expense. He had become the David who knew how to subdue the Soviet Goliath and this was his sole claim to national attention and fame. Moscow has decided that he should not get away with this act.

In a way, the Russians have also corrected their own mistakes in dealing with the Senator. The bitter denunciations of Jackson which appeared in the Soviet press from time to time undoubtedly served to give him free and wide publicity at home. In one move, the Russians have blasted Jackson's presidential train, which was gathering speed, off the rails.

The Soviet action will also hurt the reputation of Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and this will not be unwelcome in Moscow. The Russians have been finded it increasingly hard to stomach Kissinger's claims to the role of a global saint and healer.

Ironically enough, it was Kissinger who pleaded with the U.S. Congress not to provoke Moscow with impossible demands and the Soviet backlash has come according to his predictions. Nevertheless, the Russians will be happier if they do not have to deal with him from a position in which he is on a pedestal. As a result detente might become a more realistic political process than the hysterical publicity stunt to which the Nixon-Brezhnev brotherhood had reduced it.

Most important of all, it will restore some of Moscow's lost prestige among its friends who were beginning to think that it would never again be able to resist Washington's pressures. They saw Moscow behaving like a pliant small client state. This worried them a great deal because it meant that they would be even less successful in resisting American blandishments. Privately and quietly they accused the Russians of almost encouraging the Americans to behave as if they owned the world. Now, Moscow can confidently say that its policy was misunderstood and that it can distinguish between its own interests and those of Washington.

The Soviet action is certainly not meant to damage detente. Rather, in the Soviet view, it is meant to make it a two-way process in which concessions are given on both sides, in which detente is not seen simply as a means to transform the Soviet Union into a capitalist democracy. In the long run, such a perception may serve the cause of detente better than the one which has prevailed, with the Russians being at the receiving end of the moral cane. *(OFNS)*

Soviets may step-up effort to disrupt Middle East if detente policy fails

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WASHINGTON. — ISRAELI OFFICIALS here are still sorting out the possible implications for Israel of the Soviet rejection of the 1972 trade agreement with the U.S., which has indicated that detente may be finished.

If this is so, both Israel and the U.S. would have to re-examine the general situation in the Middle East. The Soviet Union, which has never been very helpful in calming the tense situation in the area, may now intensify its disruptive policies, such as increasing arms supplies to Syria, Iraq and other radical regimes.

The Soviets could offer greater military and political support to the PLO, further lessening the chances for an agreement. They may even attempt to win over Egypt, notwithstanding the apparent political set-back they suffered because of the cancellation of the Brezhnev visit to Cairo.

In addition to the overall global and regional problems a new era of superpower rivalry could herald, there are also the uncertainties facing the trapped Jewish community in Russia.

Human rights

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, the president of the American Jewish Congress, said he deplores "Soviet insensitivity to human rights and disregard of world opinion." Hertzberg was among a handful of Jewish leaders who had warned that too much publicity about the Jackson Amendment could embarrass the Soviet Union and lead to an undesired result.

Secretary of State Kissinger had similarly and repeatedly made the same warning.

Some American Jewish leaders were openly fearful of a possible backlash among American public opinion, which may now blame Jews for the collapse of the trade agreement with the Soviet Union.

In response to a question by *The Jerusalem Post*, Kissinger said at the press conference: "I think what may have happened is that the Soviet Union looked at the totality of what it could gain in this trading relationship as against the intrusions in its domestic affairs. It drew the balance sheet, of which we have the result today."

Behind Jackson's calling for a linking in emigration policies and trade was the promise that the Soviet Union is in desperate need of U.S. trade, technology and credits. Moscow should have to pay a price for these benefits, Jackson's supporters argued, which was an easing of emigration restrictions.

In addition to the demand that it step up emigration, the Soviet Union was also irritated by Congress having placed a $300m. ceiling over four years on U.S. government backed Export-Import credits to Moscow.

The Soviets charged that the 1972 U.S.-Soviet trade agreement called for much more substantial amounts since, in exchange, it would have to repay the $700m. lend-lease debt it owed the U.S. from World War II. This provision is now obsolete since the entire pact has been revoked.

Cold war

What appears to signal a most stark reversion back to the Cold War is the fact that the Soviet Union could have rejected selected provisions of the 1972 accord without ruling out the entire agreement. American officials here were particularly concerned that the Kremlin adopted this much tougher line.

According to reports here, U.S. intelligence believes the basic Soviet decisions to reject the trade agreement were adopted in principle during a Politburo meeting on December 16.

Two days later, Brezhnev made public an October 26 letter from Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to Secretary Kissinger denying that the Soviet Union had offered any concessions to the U.S. regarding emigration restrictions.

This letter was labelled a "face saving" device by Jackson, who said the Soviets had assured Kissinger that some 60,000 Jews would be permitted to emigrate during the first year of the trade bill.

Then two weeks ago, the "Washington Post" carried a front-page story noting that the Soviets would reject the trade bill if any of the provisions of the Jackson Amendment were enacted or enforced. This report was based on a conversation with a high Soviet official in Washington, apparently Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

But Congressional supporters and Jewish Activists remained undaunted, convinced that the Soviets were still bluffing.

POSTSCRIPTS

OUR POSTAL SERVICES must be among the most unpredictable of their kind, so contradictory are the stories we hear about them.

Mrs. Sarah Rubinstein, who lives in Haifa, writes to tell us that she received a letter from Vienna which reached her safely, even though it was addressed "Karmelberg, Haifa." On the other hand, a letter from Miami, sent to her at 17 Nitzanim Street (instead of 18) was returned to sender with the note that her whereabouts were unknown.

From which one can only deduce that some of the postal sorters deserve praise for their knowledge of languages, while some of the delivery men should be asked to make a memory course and get to know the names on their routes.

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WE ARE GLAD to report another good deed story, supplied to us by visitors from the United States.

As Mr. and Mrs. Louis Katz of St. Louis, Mo. were shopping in Rehov Haatzmaut in Haifa on January 6, they saw an elderly man collapse, apparently from a heart attack, near the Bank Leumi. A crowd gathered, but did nothing until a young man pushed his way through. He felt for the man's pulse and immediately began to massage the heart area, at the same time asking that the police be notified and an ambulance called. He worked on purposefully and eventually the the victim recovered consciousness.

The young man, our informants later discovered, is Border Policeman Itzhak Ben Ami, No. 40996, an immigrant from the United States. They express the hope that this cool efficiency and presence of mind will not go unnoticed by his superiors.

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ONE OF THE PROBLEMS occupying the members of Hashomer Hatza'ir's Kibbutz Kfar Masaryk these days is the extent to which parental love ought to be allowed to interfere with children's free imaginational development. This is how the problem was presented in a recent issue of Kfar Masaryk's internal bulletin:

"It is traditionally assumed that the kibbutz education people once decided that mothers of infants (who live in the kibbutz creche) should leave their jobs for a while during the day in order to nurse their babies and give them some loving during the day, too. Over the years, certain fathers have acquired equality with their wives and have also been leaving their jobs for an hour of nursing and love. It will not be a simple matter to abolish the fathers' nursing right, as the Kibbutz Executive proposes to do.

"Perhaps our education people ought to reconsider this 'Love Hour' from the educational point of view. Isn't the child harmed educationally if, while he is at play—alone or with the group—his father or mother or the two of them together suddenly show up and take him away from his world of imagination and play?" *M.K.*

A NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOK on pain, edited by Dr. Matisyahu Weisenberg of the University of Connecticut, reveals that Jewish and Italian patients complain more than Irish patients, according to an AP report.

"Jewish and Italian patients," he says, "react to pain with louder complaints and make more demands on their doctors. While Italians want pain stopped immediately, Jewish patients are less prone to accept pain-relievers to mask it. They are more worried about what the pain means for their future prognosis, such as whether it will be crippling or what will the doctor's bills be like."

Studies contained in the volume report that Irish and "old Yankee" patients complained least of pain. The Yankees, apparently, feel that it isn't done to make a fuss about pain, while the Irish tend to deny its presence. Furthermore, people in higher income groups are less anxious about pain because they are more used to controlling things and "are more likely to tell the dentist he is hurting them." Poorer patients are not as able to play an active role. "Things happen to them. They accept that their present environment controls them."

Dr. Weisenberg adds that pain can be reduced and recovery hastened if the patient is given realistic information. But pain plays an important part in human survival. "Pain is a danger signal. Without it, we would be killing ourselves readily," he states.

ISRAEL PRESS

Cancelled trade deal

HA'ARETZ (independent) says that although Kissinger voiced open displeasure at the Jackson Amendment and at the system it embodies of publicly making a trade preference agreement conditional on intervention in the internal affairs of the USSR, it seems more likely that the real reason for the Soviet decision was the small sum of credit voted by the Congress. However, for the Kremlin, it is more convenient to protest about internal intervention than to admit disappointment over the financing. Either way, a toughening of Soviet policy on Jewish emigration is to be expected.

"This may be the opportunity to reconsider the advantages of a suitable framework for direct contacts between Israel and the USSR," the paper concludes. "Grateful though we are to the U.S. for its assistance on this issue, direct contacts would be far preferable. This is just one more reason for seeking a road to dialogue with Moscow."

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) does not believe that Moscow's decision spells the end of detente: the weakness of the West, due to the energy crisis and the inflation process, may have persuaded Moscow that Soviet influence can spread even without the detente with its commitments and restrictions. Nevertheless, it is unlikely that the Kremlin will waive the advantages of the detente."

PORTION OF THE WEEK

The free control their time

Sidra: Boh (Exodus 10-3:17)

BEFORE OUR ANCESTORS were delivered from Egyptian bondage, they were freed "from the burdens of the Egyptians" after Moses persuaded Pharaoh to let them rest every seventh day. They spent these rest days reading scrolls telling them of their coming liberation (Midrash Shmot Rabba 1:28 and 5:18).

Before the Jews could become a free, sovereign people, they had to be freed of their slave mentality by learning how to control their own time and how to hope.

Later, just before the tenth plague and their departure from Egypt, God tells them (Exodus 12:1-2): "This month is for you the first of months; you shall make it the first month of the year."

Shmot Rabba 15 gives us 31 comments on this passage, mainly stressing the idea that in this Commandment, the first given to collective Jewry (and only the fourth of the Tora's 613 Commandments), God handed over the ordering of time to Man. We read: "The Ministering Angels asked the Blessed Holy One: 'Lord of the Universe, when do You fix the seasons and set-times?' He replied: 'I and you accept whatever the Jewish People decides about the intercalation of the year.' And He said to the Jews (Leviticus 23:27): 'These are God's set-times which you shall proclaim as sacred assemblies... In the past I fixed the set-times; now you are in control, and whatever you decide is agreeable to Me.' And it was in Egypt that the Jews began proclaiming and sanctifying the months."

God begins the process of liberation by giving the Jews control of one day in seven. Just before they leave Egypt He gives them the job of determining the months and, thus, the years, the dates of the "set-times" — the festivals and holy days — and, later the Sabbatical and Jubilee years. In so doing, He confers on them the first privilege and duty of free, sovereign individuality and nationhood: control of time. Only by responsibly ordering their time, naming it, and filling it with creative content do people earn the privilege to go on doing so. Only now, with time in — not "on" — their hands, are the Jews ready to emerge from slavery and Exile and assume the responsibilities and privileges of peoplehood soon to be conferred on them at Mount Sinai.

On the intelligent uses of duty and freedom, the 19th-century Hassidic Rabbi Mendel of Kotzk comments (in "Siah Sarfay Kodesh") on Exodus 13:7:

"If the matter of leaven is so strict that it must not even be seen during Passover, why didn't God also forbid unleavened bread, which accidental contact with liquid can cause to leaven? But the point of responsibility is not to avoid all action, but to act within the permitted while taking care not to cross the line into licence." *M.K.*

READERS' LETTERS

Technocratic slaves to black gold

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I have been working for almost a quarter of a century as an engineer in the oil industry. Therefore, professionally, I probably fall in the general class of "Technocrats stuck in the oil mire" so aptly unmasked by Menahem Savidor (January 5) as having proved themselves to be lacking in both vision and imagination.

Just to put the record straight on a minor detail, the American Petroleum Institute, like several other bodies and individuals in the industry, not only foresaw the energy crisis (perhaps the exact date had not been predicted years in advance) and the world's relentless march towards the inevitable depletion of raw material resources, oil being foremost among these, but even gave timid, yet substantial warnings. It should be conceded that it was most embarrassing for an "oilman" to state that: 1. Oil had other (more rather than less) important uses than to be burnt; 2. Compared to any other raw material (even sand suitable for the glass industry at the factory's site, of which there is in nature a plentiful supply when related to demand), oil was ridiculously low-priced. In fact, I would side with the Shah of Iran and stick out my neck and state that it is still relatively cheap in this respect.

It is, indeed, only too bad that the "rich nations" intoxicated themselves beyond all reasonable bounds, and squandered what is still (and may be for quite some time) such a precious resource to stoke the fires of goddess "growth" and oil the wheels of her chariot, until they have thus "become the slaves of black gold," to borrow Mr. Savidor's expression.

All the foregoing notwithstanding, in my mind and soul, I am akin to Mr. Savidor, and support him for having stated in such clear terms the case for great men to take their rightful place in society and shape human history. This task cannot, indeed, be left to technocrats and mediocrities — and I would add: Apparatchiks.

ABEL A. AGHION

Haifa, January 6.

TOKEN MEASURES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With talk of renewing carless days, it is clear that the Government continues to demand belt-tightening measures which achieve, at best, token results, while ignoring the economy's real problems of poor management and unskilful government regulations.

If additional gas savings are definitely shown to be needed, gas rationing would be better because it would be more effective, impose less on personal freedom and would distribute the hardship more equally.

ROBERT ATLAS

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